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OBSERVATIONS (Regional and Statewide)

Consumer and Case Counts

- At the end of the 1st Quarter of FY'2007, DSS had 23,223 open cases (1,803 adoption cases and 21,420 clinical cases). A total of 74,981 consumers¹ (35,156 adults and 39,825 children) were being served. Case counts ranged from 2,810 in the Boston Region to 4,962 in the Southeastern Region. **(Table 1)**
- From the 4th Quarter of FY'2006 to the 1st Quarter of FY'2007, consumer counts and case counts decreased 3% and 4%, respectively. The consumer population typically drops in the summer quarter (Q1) then rises and levels off during the school quarters (Q2-Q4). This seasonal pattern is related to the rise and fall of child abuse and neglect reports and investigations throughout the year. **(Figs. 1 and 2 on page 6, Figs. 20 and 21 on page 52)**

Consumers in Placement

- There were 10,681 individuals in placement on the last day of the 1st Quarter of FY'2007. Included in this count are 9,306 children (less than 18 years old) and 1,375 young adults (18 to 23 years old). **(Table 1)**
- The placement population was distributed across DSS service regions as follows: 22% in the Western Region, 20% in the Southeastern Region, 18% in the Northeastern Region, 14% in the Metro Region, 13% in the Central Region, and 11% in the Boston Region. **(Table 1)**
- Statewide, 23% (or 9,306) of all children (less than 18 years old) with open cases were in placement. The regional statistics for children in placement as a proportion of all children receiving services were: 26% in the West, 24% in the Southeast, 23% in the Northeast, 22% in Metro, 21% in Central, and 20% in Boston. **(Table 2)**
- Of all children less than 18 years old receiving services, the Pittsfield and Fall River Area Offices had the highest proportions in placement. The lowest proportions of children in placement were found at the Lawrence and Park Street Area Offices. **(Table 2)**

¹ Total consumers include all individuals with an active case status on the last day of the quarter and were in a case with an assessment for services or a service plan. These selection criteria exclude consumers not in placement who have an active case status that is pending the outcome of an investigation.

- From the 4th Quarter of FY'2006 to the 1st Quarter of FY'2007, the number of children in placement dropped 3% statewide. Regionally, the fluctuations ranged from a 6% drop in Boston to a less than 1% rise in Central. **(Fig. 3)**

Children Not in Placement

- From the 4th Quarter of FY'2006 to the 1st Quarter of FY'2007, counts of children not in placement decreased 5% statewide. Regional declines ranged from 3% in Central to 9% in Boston. Quarterly counts of children not in placement (and to a lesser degree, children in placement) display a fluctuating pattern with a distinct drop during the first quarter (summer vacation). **(Fig. 4)**

Age, Sex, Race, and Preferred Language of Consumers

- On the last day of the 1st Quarter of FY'2007, the consumer population included 39,825 (53%) children less than 18 years old and 35,156 (47%) adults 18 years or older. Fifty-three percent of all consumers were identified as female, 46% as male, and 1% were unspecified as of the run-date. Thirty-nine percent (15,730) of all children were adolescents (12 to 17 years old). **(Table 1, Fig. 5)**
- The number of female children in the DSS caseload was approximately equal to the number of male children. In contrast, the ratio of female to male adults was 1.5:1. **(Fig. 5)**
- The statewide caseload was comprised of 56% White, 15% Black, 2% Asian, and less than 1% Native American consumers. Race was unspecified for 24% of the consumers. **(Table 3A, Figs. 6A and 6B)**
- Of the total consumer population, 23% (17,175 consumers) were of Hispanic origin. Regionally, the highest proportions of Hispanic consumers were in the West and Northeast. **(Table 3B, Figs. 6C and 6D)**
- The Boston Region's caseload was comprised of 47% Black and 22% White consumers (4,148 and 1,965 consumers, respectively). Asians were most prominent in the Northeast--6% of the caseload (804 consumers, mainly Cambodian). **(Table 3A, Figs. 6A and 6B)**

- A racial comparison of children receiving various services from DSS to children residing in Massachusetts is displayed in the following table. Black children and Hispanic children are over-represented at all stages in the DSS system. However, the actual extent of racial and ethnic disproportionality is not known given the number of children whose race and/or ethnicity has not been recorded.

Children Less than 18 Years Old									
Race	State Census ² 2000	DSS Not in Care 9/30/06	DSS All Substitute Care 9/30/06	DSS Foster Care 9/30/06	DSS Congregate* Care 9/30/06	DSS All Care w/Goal of Adoption 9/30/06	DSS All Care w/Goal of Guardianship 9/30/06	DSS Adoptions Legalized FY'2006	DSS Guardianships Legalized FY'2006
White	79%	57%	60%	60%	62%	59%	63%	64%	61%
Black	7%	16%	18%	17%	20%	16%	20%	16%	21%
Asian	4%	2%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	<1%	3%
Native American	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%
Pacific Islander	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	----	----	----
Multi- Racial	4%	3%	5%	5%	3%	7%	5%	6%	2%
Other/ Unknown	6%	21%	16%	16%	14%	17%	11%	14%	13%
TOTAL %	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
TOTAL #	1,500,064	30,519	9,306	6,841	1,979	2,456	505	893	518
Hispanic Origin ³ Yes	11%	28%	26%	26%	24%	28%	21%	26%	19%
Hispanic Origin No	89%	65%	69%	68%	73%	65%	75%	70%	76%
Hispanic Origin Unknown	----	7%	5%	6%	3%	7%	4%	4%	5%
TOTAL %	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

* Congregate Care includes: Group Home, Residential Treatment, and short-term residential placement (Stabilization and Rapid Reintegration, STARR).

² Kids Count census data online, *Race of Children by Age Group in the 2000 Census*, analysis of data from U.S. Census Bureau, 2000 Census Summary File 1 (Table P12A-P12G)

³ Children of any race who are Hispanic

- The Northeastern, Western, and Boston Regions had the highest proportions (and numbers) of Spanish-speaking consumers, 9% (1,139 consumers), 7% (1,109), and 9% (771), respectively. Khmer (Cambodian) was the preferred language of 335 DSS consumers (<1%). Khmer-speaking consumers were mainly concentrated in the Northeast. Other languages and their regions of highest prevalence were Portuguese (Metro and Southeast), Haitian Creole (Metro, Boston, and Southeast), Cape Verdean Creole (Southeast and Boston), Vietnamese (Boston and Central), Chinese (Metro), and Lao (Northeast). **(Table 4)**

TABLE 1. CASE AND CONSUMER COUNTS BY LOCATION AND DSS REGION: FY'2007, End of 1ST QUARTER (9/30/06)

TABLE 1: CASE AND CONSUMER COUNTS BY LOCATION AND AGE REGION, FISCAL YEAR 2017, QUARTER 3 (2016-17)									
Case Counts:	DSS Geographic Region						Adoption		Total
	West	Central	Northeast	Metro	Southeast	Boston	Contracts ⁽¹⁾	Other ⁽²⁾	
Adoption	380	224	267	242	348	186	155	1	1,803
Clinical	4,096	2,945	3,776	3,320	4,614	2,624	6	39	21,420
Total	4,476	3,169	4,043	3,562	4,962	2,810	161	40	23,223
Consumer Counts:									
Adults: ⁽³⁾									
In Placement: ⁽⁴⁾ Foster/Residential Care ⁽⁵⁾	229	138	286	198	247	224	---	22	1,344
Other ⁽⁶⁾	4	2	3	5	2	3	---	---	19
On the Run	3	2	---	1	2	4	---	---	12
Total in Placement	236	142	289	204	251	231	---	22	1,375
Not in Placement	6,523	4,870	5,786	5,212	7,639	3,742	---	9	33,781
Total Adults	6,759	5,012	6,075	5,416	7,890	3,973	---	31	35,156
Children:									
In Placement: ⁽⁴⁾ Foster/Residential Care ⁽⁵⁾	1,961	1,183	1,520	1,199	1,831	879	234	13	8,820
Other ⁽⁶⁾	54	42	51	34	47	42	1	---	271
On the Run	55	17	39	20	33	51	---	---	215
Total in Placement	2,070	1,242	1,610	1,253	1,911	972	235	13	9,306
Not in Placement	6,012	4,609	5,477	4,389	6,210	3,799	18	5	30,519
Total Children	8,082	5,851	7,087	5,642	8,121	4,771	253	18	39,825
Total	14,841	10,863	13,162	11,058	16,011	8,744	253	49	74,981

⁽¹⁾ Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DSS to provide case management services.

⁽²⁾ Includes primarily families served through Central Office contracts.

⁽³⁾ Adults are consumers 18 years or older.

⁽⁴⁾ Children and young adults in the care/custody of DSS. "Adults" in Foster/Residential Care are being transitioned to the Departments of Mental Health (DMH) and Mental Retardation (DMR) or are supported by DSS until graduation from a full-time school or vocational training program (through age 23 for a Bachelor's Degree).

⁽⁵⁾ See Tables 5A, 5B, and 5C for a breakdown by type of placement.

⁽⁶⁾ "Other" includes locations such as hospitals and other state agencies.

FIGURE 1. CASE COUNT BY DSS REGION
(FY'2006, End of 2ND QUARTER to FY'2007, End of 1ST QUARTER)

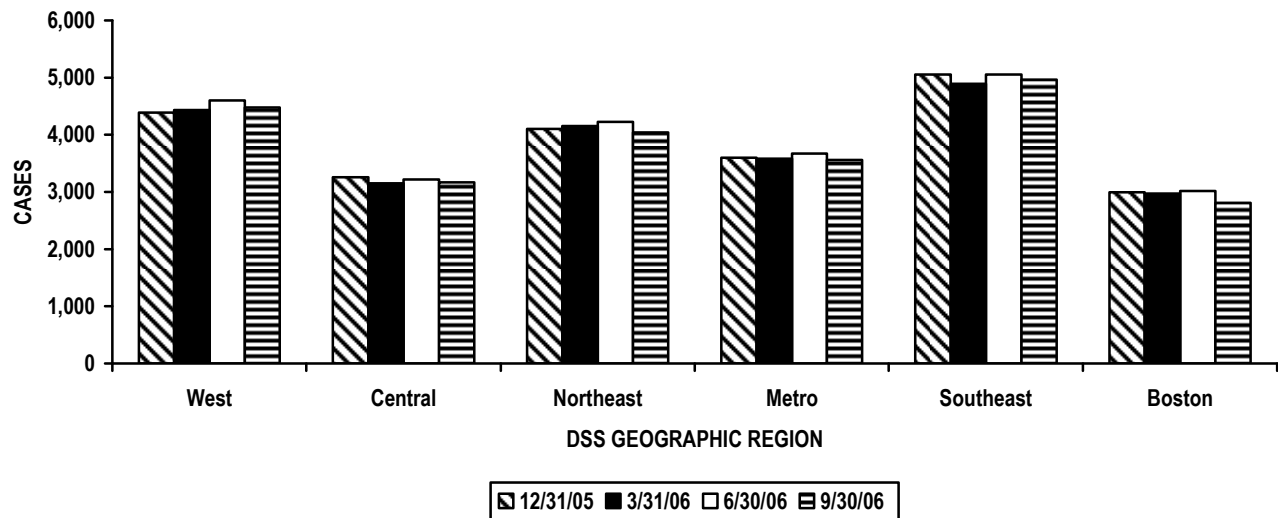


FIGURE 2. CONSUMER COUNT BY DSS REGION
(FY'2006, End of 2ND QUARTER to FY'2007, End of 1ST QUARTER)

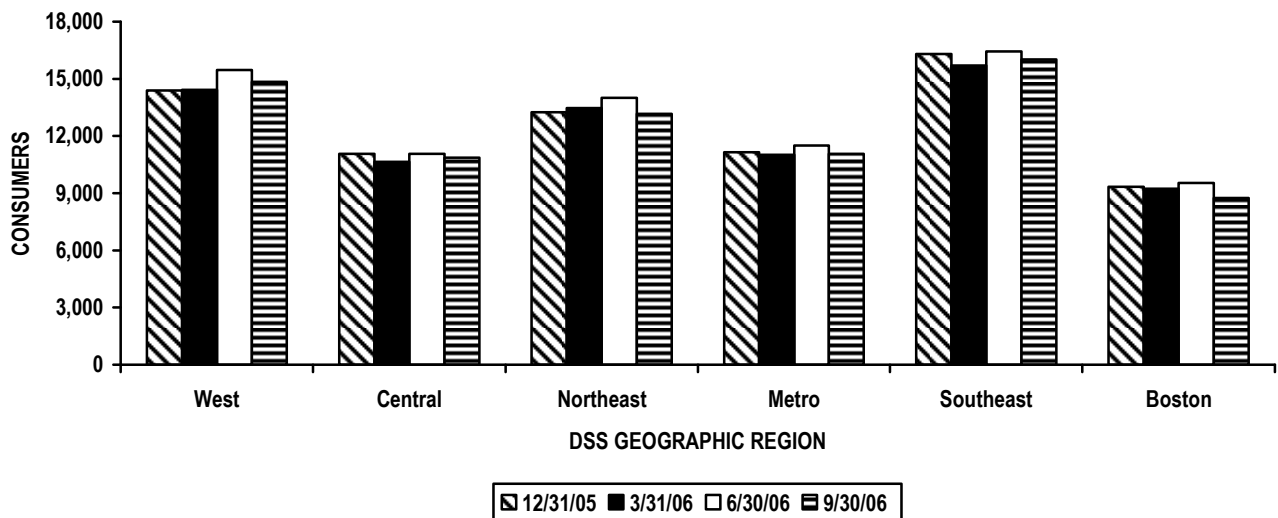
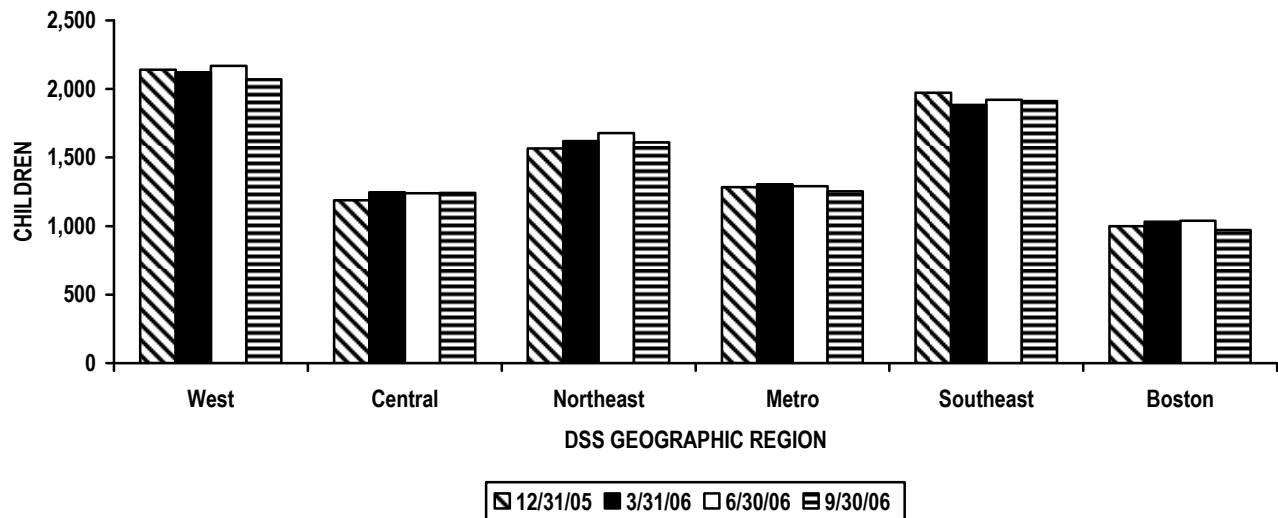


TABLE 2. CHILD⁽¹⁾ CASELOAD BY DSS: FY'2007, End of 1ST QUARTER (9/30/06)

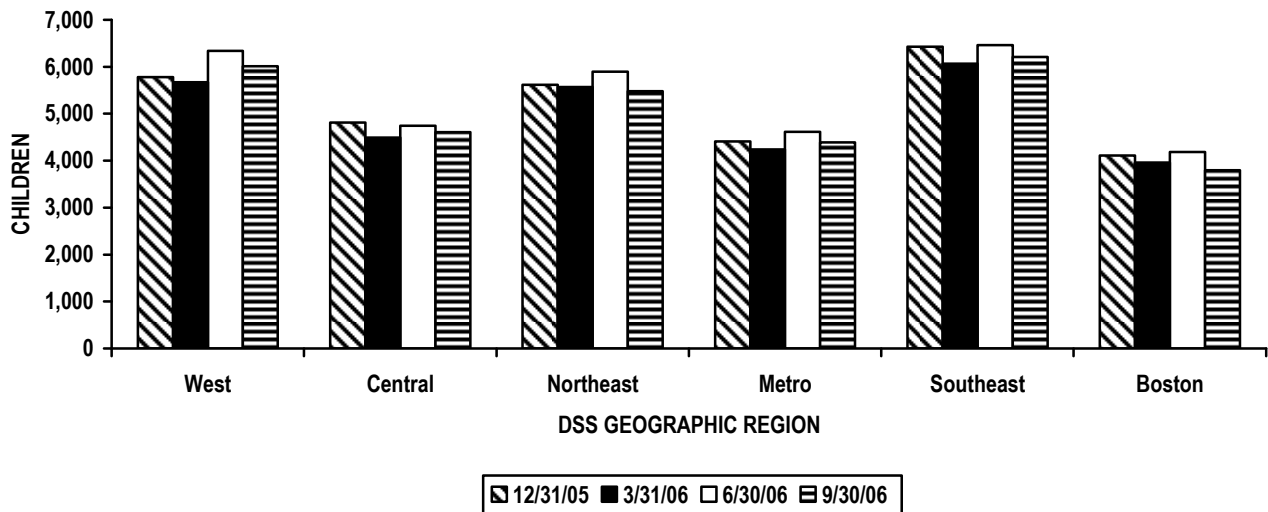
DSS Region/Area	Not in Placement	In Placement	Total Child Caseload	% in Placement
Greenfield	880	323	1,203	27%
Holyoke	1,381	476	1,857	26%
Pittsfield	819	375	1,194	31%
Robert Van Wart	1,550	406	1,956	21%
Springfield	1,371	489	1,860	26%
Contracted Agencies	11	1	12	8%
Western	6,012	2,070	8,082	26%
North Central	1,384	341	1,725	20%
South Central	1,070	290	1,360	21%
Worcester East	1,158	304	1,462	21%
Worcester West	992	306	1,298	24%
Contracted Agencies	5	1	5	20%
Central	4,609	1,242	5,851	21%
Cape Ann	970	316	1,286	25%
Haverhill	917	237	1,154	21%
Lawrence	1,460	306	1,766	17%
Lowell	1,157	457	1,614	28%
Lynn	966	292	1,258	23%
Contracted Agencies	7	2	9	22%
Northeast	5,477	1,610	7,087	23%
Arlington	838	230	1,068	22%
Cambridge	706	231	937	25%
Coastal	876	281	1,157	24%
Framingham	712	210	922	23%
Malden	1,246	294	1,540	19%
Contracted Agencies	11	7	18	39%
Metro	4,389	1,253	5,642	22%
Attleboro	821	249	1,070	23%
Brockton	1,163	347	1,510	23%
Cape Cod	745	242	987	25%
Fall River	1,038	435	1,473	30%
New Bedford	1,567	422	1,989	21%
Plymouth	865	214	1,079	20%
Contracted Agencies	11	2	13	15%
Southeast	6,210	1,911	8,121	24%
Dimock St.	811	236	1,047	23%
Harbor	982	231	1,213	19%
Hyde Park	701	226	927	24%
Park St.	1,305	277	1,582	18%
Contracted Agencies	---	2	2	---
Boston	3,799	972	4,771	20%
Adoption Contracts	18	235	253	93%
Other⁽²⁾	5	13	18	72%
Total	30,519	9,306	39,825	23%

⁽¹⁾ Children are less than 18 years old.⁽²⁾ Includes primarily families served through Central Office contracts.

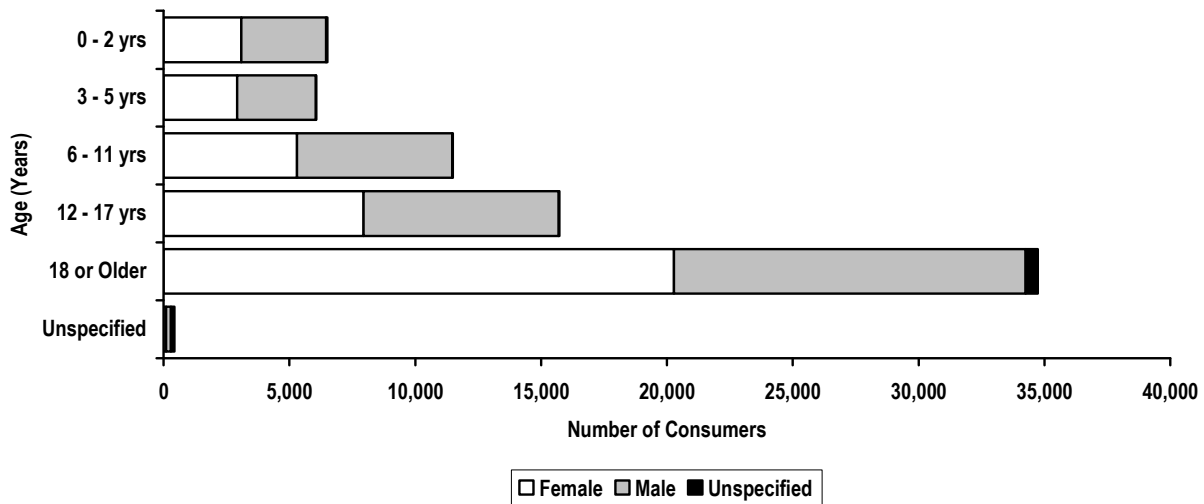
**FIGURE 3. CHILDREN IN PLACEMENT BY DSS REGION
(FY'2006, End of 2ND QUARTER to FY'2007, End of 1ST QUARTER)**



**FIGURE 4. CHILDREN NOT IN PLACEMENT BY DSS REGION
(FY'2006, End of 2ND QUARTER to FY'2007, End of 1ST QUARTER)**



**FIGURE 5. AGE AND SEX OF CONSUMERS: STATEWIDE
FY'2007, End of 1ST QUARTER (9/30/06)**



Age (Yrs)	Sex			Total
	Female	Male	Unspecified ⁽¹⁾	
0 - 2	3,094	3,368	44	6,506
3 - 5	2,923	3,131	16	6,070
6 - 11	5,306	6,166	27	11,499
12 - 17	7,944	7,757	29	15,730
18 or older	20,283	13,963	500	34,746
Unspecified ⁽¹⁾	92	195	143	430
Total	39,642	34,580	759	74,981

⁽¹⁾ Unspecified includes 410 adults and 20 children whose ages were unknown and 759 consumers whose gender was not specified as of the run date.

TABLE 3A. RACE OF CONSUMERS BY DSS REGION: FY'2007, End of 1ST QUARTER (9/30/06)

Race	DSS Geographic Region												Adoption				Total	
	West		Central		Northeast		Metro		Southeast		Boston		Contracts ⁽¹⁾		Other ⁽²⁾		No.	%
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%		
White	8,641	58%	6,992	64%	7,428	56%	6,815	62%	10,249	64%	1,965	22%	124	49%	4	8%	42,218	56%
Black	1,638	11%	914	8%	944	7%	1,695	15%	2,157	13%	4,148	47%	57	23%	36	73%	11,589	15%
Asian	66	*	109	1%	804	6%	225	2%	126	1%	182	2%	2	1%	3	6%	1,517	2%
Native American	18	*	23	*	21	*	7	*	55	*	11	*	1	*	---	---	136	*
Other ⁽³⁾	10	*	4	*	4	*	2	*	11	*	5	*	---	---	---	---	36	*
Multi-Racial	363	2%	259	2%	288	2%	217	2%	428	3%	128	1%	26	10%	---	---	1,709	2%
Unspecified	4,105	28%	2,562	24%	3,673	28%	2,097	19%	2,985	19%	2,305	26%	43	17%	6	12%	17,776	24%
Total	14,841	100%	10,863	100%	13,162	100%	11,058	100%	16,011	100%	8,744	100%	253	100%	49	100%	74,981	100%

* = Less than 1% after rounding-off

⁽¹⁾ Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DSS to provide case management services.⁽²⁾ Includes primarily families served through Central Office contracts.⁽³⁾ Includes Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islanders.

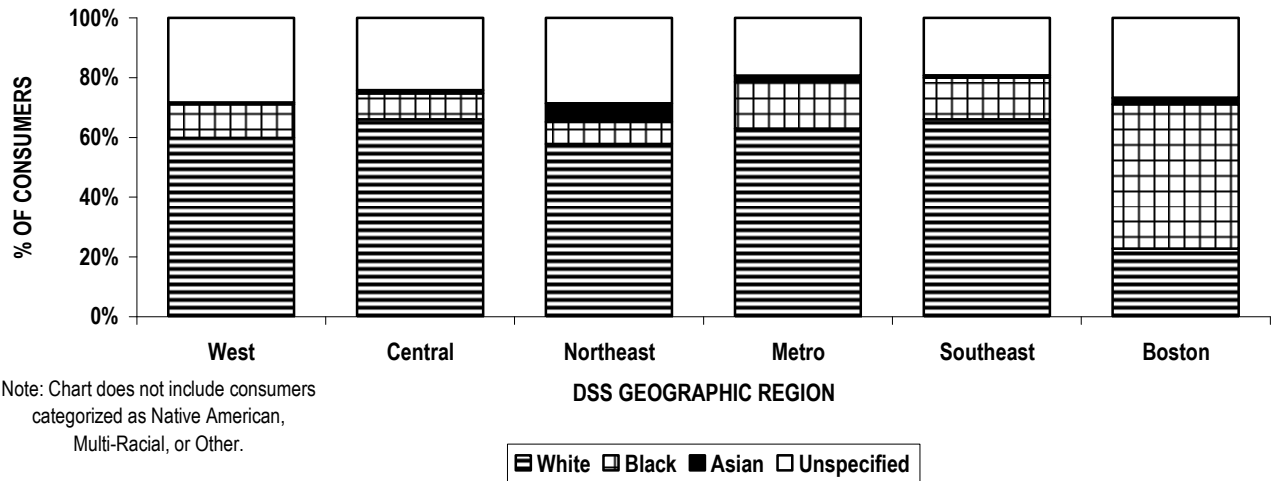
TABLE 3B. HISPANIC/LATINO ORIGIN OF CONSUMERS BY DSS REGION: FY'2007, End of 1ST QUARTER (9/30/06)

Origin	DSS Geographic Region												Adoption				Total	
	West		Central		Northeast		Metro		Southeast		Boston		Contracts ⁽²⁾		Other ⁽³⁾		No.	%
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%		
Hispanic/Latino ⁽¹⁾	4,606	31%	2,601	24%	4,041	31%	1,557	14%	1,804	11%	2,493	29%	70	28%	3	6%	17,175	23%
Not Hispanic/Latino	7,522	51%	6,593	61%	7,366	56%	7,079	64%	10,885	68%	4,956	57%	169	67%	38	78%	44,608	59%
Unspecified	2,713	18%	1,669	15%	1,755	13%	2,422	22%	3,322	21%	1,295	15%	14	6%	8	16%	13,198	18%
Total	14,841	100%	10,863	100%	13,162	100%	11,058	100%	16,011	100%	8,744	100%	253	100%	49	100%	74,981	100%

Note: The summation of relative percentages may not equal 100% due to rounding-off.

⁽¹⁾ Consumers of any race who self-identify as being of Hispanic origin.⁽²⁾ Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DSS to provide case management services.⁽³⁾ Includes primarily families served through Central Office contracts.

**FIGURE 6A. REGIONAL PROPORTIONS OF CONSUMERS BY RACE
FY'07, End of 1ST QUARTER (9/30/06)**



**FIGURE 6B. REGIONAL COUNT OF CONSUMERS BY RACE
FY'07, End of 1ST QUARTER (9/30/06)**

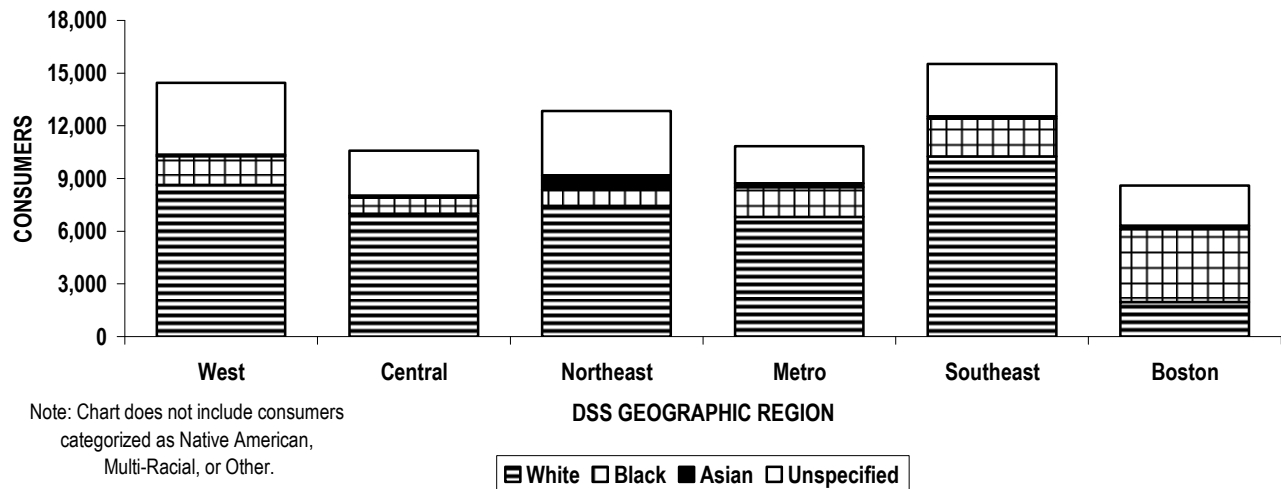


FIGURE 6C. REGIONAL PROPORTIONS OF CONSUMERS BY HISPANIC ORIGIN
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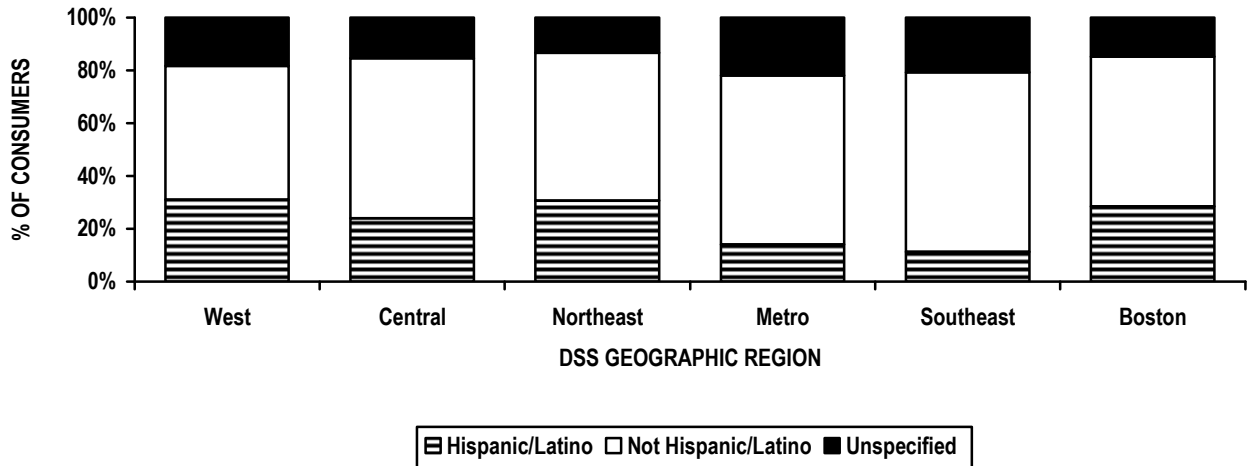


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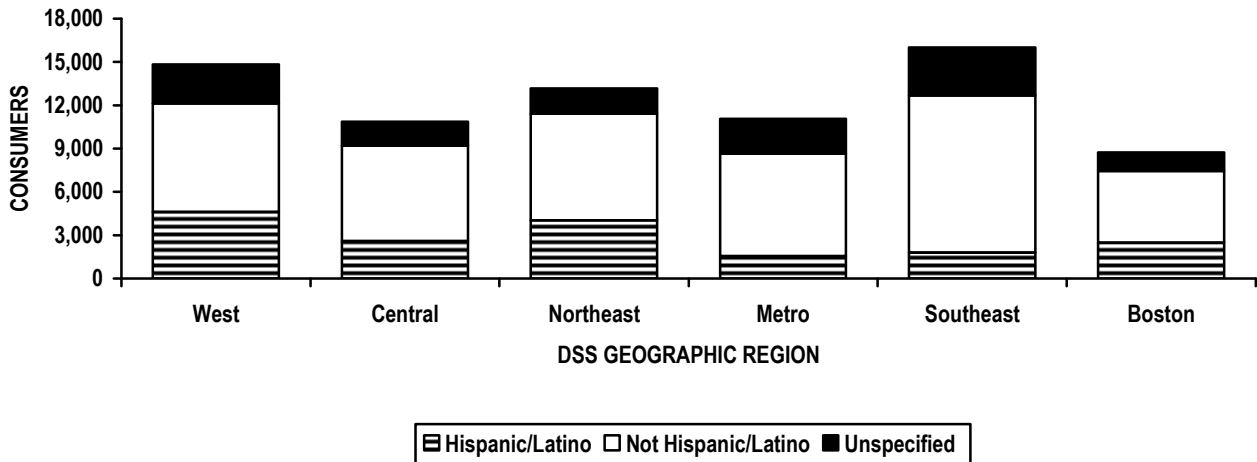


TABLE 4. PRIMARY LANGUAGE OF CONSUMERS BY DSS REGION: FY*2007, End of 1ST QUARTER (9/30/06)

Primary Language	DSS Geographic Region												Adoption				Total	
	West		Central		Northeast		Metro		Southeast		Boston		Contracts ⁽¹⁾		Other ⁽²⁾		No.	%
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%		
Spanish	1,109	7%	536	5%	1,139	9%	408	4%	368	2%	771	9%	14	6%	5	10%	4,350	6%
Khmer (Cambodian)	4	*	2	*	269	2%	2	*	51	*	7	*	---	---	---	---	335	*
Portuguese	4	*	26	*	31	*	97	1%	93	1%	17	*	---	---	---	---	268	*
Haitian Creole	---	---	8	*	8	*	132	1%	54	*	55	1%	---	---	---	---	257	*
Cape Verdean Creole	3	*	---	---	---	---	4	*	77	*	44	1%	---	---	---	---	128	*
Vietnamese	10	*	37	*	30	*	18	*	5	*	45	1%	---	---	---	---	145	*
Chinese	2	*	2	*	---	---	41	*	1	*	6	*	---	---	3	6%	55	*
Lao	---	---	2	*	15	*	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	17	*
American Sign Lang.	1	*	3	*	7	*	10	*	6	*	5	*	---	---	---	---	32	*
Other	391	3%	220	2%	163	1%	198	2%	347	2%	185	2%	2	1%	18	37%	1,524	2%
English\Unspecified	13,317	90%	10,027	92%	11,500	87%	10,148	92%	15,009	94%	7,609	87%	237	94%	23	47%	67,870	91%
Total	14,841	100%	10,863	100%	13,162	100%	11,058	100%	16,011	100%	8,744	100%	253	100%	49	100%	74,981	100%

* = Less than 1% after rounding-off

Note: The summation of relative percentages may not equal 100% due to rounding-off.

⁽¹⁾ Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DSS to provide case management services.

⁽²⁾ Includes primarily families served through Central Office contracts.

Profile of Consumers in Placement⁴

Foster and Residential Care

- There were 7,853 consumers in foster care and 2,311 consumers in congregate care⁵ on the last day of the 1st Quarter of FY'2007. Foster care populations were highest in the Western and Southeastern Regions. The number of consumers in residential care was greatest in the Northeastern, Southeastern, and Metro Regions. **(Table 5A)**
- The largest age group in foster care was 12-17 years (34-40% range across regions). Among regions, the West, Southeast, and Northeast had the highest numbers of adolescents in foster care, 728, 564, and 469, respectively. **(Table 5A)**
- Adolescents were the primary age group in residential care, ranging from 65% to 75% across the regions. The Northeastern, Southeastern, and Metro Regions had the largest adolescent populations in residential care, 372, 335, and 324, respectively. **(Table 5A)**
- Consumers in “Other” placement locations⁶ were primarily adolescents (77-88% regional range). **(Table 5A)**
- There were 1,958 consumers in “Intensive” foster care⁷ (IFC) and 5,895 consumers in “Departmental” foster care. Departmental foster care was separated into unrestricted (39% of consumers), kinship (32%), child specific (12%), pre-adoptive (7%), and independent living (11%). **(Table 5B)**
- The Western Region had the highest number of consumers in IFC **(Table 5B)**.
- A breakdown of Departmental foster care showed the West had the largest number of consumers in unrestricted, child-specific, and pre-adoptive foster care. Consumers in kinship care were highest in the Southeast. The Northeast had the most consumers in independent living. **(Fig. 7B, Table 5B)**

⁴ Consumers include children less than 18 years old and young adults 18 to 23 years old.

⁵ Congregate Care includes: Group Home, Residential Treatment, and short-term residential placement (Stabilization and Rapid Reintegration, STARR).

⁶ “Other” includes locations like hospitals and other state agencies, as well as children on the run from placement.

⁷ Intensive Foster Care encompasses and expands upon services formerly known as “Contracted” foster care (Therapeutic, Diagnostic, Independent Living, Emergency Shelter, and Other models). IFC programs provide therapeutic services and supports in a family-based placement setting to children and youth for whom a traditional foster care environment is not sufficiently supportive, who are transitioning from a residential/group home level of care and require the intensity of services available through this program, or who are being discharged from a hospital setting.

- The proportions of consumers in different types of departmental foster care are displayed for each region in Figure 7A. Consumers in unrestricted homes were most prevalent in the West and Central. Metro had the largest proportion of consumers in kinship homes. Consumers in child-specific homes were most evident in both Metro and Boston. The Western Region had the highest proportion of consumers in pre-adoptive homes. Consumers in independent living were proportionally higher in Boston and the Northeast as compared to the other regions. **(Fig. 7A)**
- The major congregate programs were residential treatment (1,152 consumers), group homes (936 consumers), and short-term residential placement services (Stabilization and Rapid Reintegration, STARR)⁸ (223 consumers). **(Table 5C)**
- The proportions of consumers in different types of residential care are shown for each region in Figure 8A. The Western and Boston Regions had the highest proportions of consumers in group homes. The proportion of consumers in residential treatment was most significant in both the Southeast and Northeast. Children in STARR placements were more prevalent in the Central Region. **(Fig. 8A)**
- The number of consumers in group homes was highest in the West. The Northeast had the most consumers in residential treatment. Central had the most children in the STARR program. **(Fig. 8B)**
- Consumers in residential treatment were mostly situated in Chapter 766 facilities⁹ while the leading group home model was Regular.¹⁰ **(Table 5C)**
- From the 2nd Quarter of FY'2006 to the 1st Quarter of FY'2007, there was negligible change in the foster care population statewide. Quarterly fluctuations at the regional level resulted in little overall change **(Fig. 9)**.
- From the 2nd Quarter of FY'2006 to the 1st Quarter of FY'2007, the congregate care population decreased 1% statewide. Over this same period, regional changes ranged from a 13% decline in Metro to increases of 9% in both Central and Northeast. The gains and losses among regions cancelled each other out when viewed at the state level. **(Fig. 10)**.

⁸ Services will be focused on supporting a rapid reintegration or transition to a next placement.

⁹ Chapter 766 includes facilities geared toward children/adolescents who require special needs educational services on-site. These facilities are licensed by the Department of Education.

¹⁰ Regular is comprised of programs that provide services in home-like settings with typically 8 to 12 children/adolescents in residence.

All Placement Locations (Combined Count)

- At the end of the 1st Quarter of FY'2007, the statewide placement population was comprised of 52% boys and 48% girls. Regionally, the gender difference showed little deviation from the state. **(Table 6A, Fig. 11A)**
- Statewide, 60% of all consumers in placement were White, 19% were Black, 1% were Asian, less than 1% were Native American, and 4% were multi-racial. Race was unspecified for 15% of the placement population. **(Table 6A, Fig. 11A)**
- The proportion of minority consumers in placement was highest in the Boston Region. **(Table 6A)**
- Of the total placement population, 25% (2,683 consumers) self-identified as being of Hispanic origin. Hispanic consumers were most prevalent in the Western and Northeastern Regions. **(Table 6A, Fig. 11A)**
- Race was unspecified for a relatively large number of consumers in placement in the Western and Northeastern Regions. These high values may be attributable to the large number of Hispanic consumers in placement, who may not self-identify with any of the racial categories. **(Table 6A)**
- Adolescents were the largest age group in placement in each of the DSS Regions. The proportion of adolescents ranged from 45% in both the Southeastern and Western Regions to 51% in the Boston Region. **(Table 6B)**
- The number of young adults (18 years or older) in placement ranged from 142 in the Central Region to 289 in the Northeastern Region. **(Table 6B)**
- The most prominent service plan goals of consumers in placement were “Family Reunification” (31% of all consumers in placement) and “Adoption” (23%). Regionally, the Southeast had the highest number and proportion of consumers in placement with a goal of reunifying the family. The West had the highest number and proportion of consumers in placement with a goal of adoption. **(Table 6B, Fig. 11B)**
- Statewide, 39% of the placement population had been in continuous care¹¹ for more than 2 years, 21% between 1 and 2 years, and 40% for 1 year or less. **(Table 6B, Fig. 11B)**

¹¹ Length of stay in placement, as measured by a “point-in-time snapshot” of consumers residing in care, is not representative of all individuals who spend time in care during some specified period. It is biased because consumers in continuous long-term placement are over-represented in “snapshot” counts and many others who enter and leave placement quickly are not counted at all.

- The Northeastern and Boston Regions had the highest proportions of consumers in continuous¹² care for more than two years (42% in each region). Metro had the highest proportion of consumers in care for one year or less (43%). The Southeast and West had the largest numbers of consumers in care for one year or less (903 and 892, respectively). The West had the largest number of consumers in care for more than two years (913). **(Table 6B)**
- Tables 7A and 7B display the race and Hispanic origin of consumers in placement by their length of time in continuous care. There was a tendency for a greater proportion of minority consumers to be in care for more than two years as compared to White consumers (45% for Asian, 43% for Black, 40% for Hispanic vs. 39% for White). **(Tables 7A and 7B)**
- At the end of the 1st Quarter of FY'2007 ("snapshot" on 9/30/06), the median time in continuous care was 1.2 years and the median¹³ age was 12.6 years for all children less than 18 years old in placement. Over the past 15 years, the median age of children in care has slowly increased while the median time in placement has been fairly stable. (See table below).

All Children in Placement¹⁴			
Date	Median Age (yrs)	Median Continuous Time in Placement (yrs)	Number of Children
7/92	9.2	1.5	12,311
7/93	9.3	1.6	12,577
7/94	9.1	1.4	12,977
7/95	9.2	1.3	13,056
7/96	9.7	1.4	12,643
7/97	10.2	1.4	11,957
9/98*	10.5	1.4	10,872
6/99*	11.0	1.2	10,134
6/00*	11.2	1.5	9,676
6/01*	11.5	1.4	9,955
6/02	11.9	1.5	10,033
6/03	12.2	1.5	10,233
6/04	12.3	1.5	9,829
6/05	12.6	1.4	9,474
6/06	12.6	1.2	9,586
9/06	12.6	1.2	9,306

Notes: **Children are less than 18 years old.**

* = revised statistics

¹² Continuous time in care is defined as the span of time from the child's most recent placement entry to the Quarter End Date (September 30, 2006).

¹³ Half of the children are younger than the median and half are older.

¹⁴ Children are less than 18 years old.

- A racial and Hispanic origin breakdown of children in placement is presented in the following table. Minority children tend to be older and spend a slightly longer length of time in placement.

All Children in Placement¹⁵ on 9/30/06			
Race	Median Age (yrs)	Median Continuous Time in Placement (yrs)	Number of Children
White	12.6	1.2	5,566
Black	13.6	1.3	1,701
Asian	15.1	1.2	121
Native American	15.2	1.9	18
Pacific Islander	13.0	0.5	9
Multi-Racial	7.4	1.2	420
Unknown	11.9	1.1	1,471
TOTAL	12.6	1.2	9,306
Hispanic Origin ¹⁶	12.5	1.3	2,418

Note: Children are less than 18 years old.

Consumers in Placement with a Goal of Adoption

- Out of 2,461 consumers in placement with a goal of adoption, 1,457 (59%) were White, 402 (16%) were Black, 13 (1%) were Asian, and 167 (7%) were multi-racial. Race was unspecified for 17%. Twenty-eight percent (693) of all consumers in placement with a goal of adoption were of Hispanic origin. (**Tables 8A and 8B, Fig. 12A**)
- The age distribution of 2,461 consumers in placement with a goal of adoption was: 26% age 0-2 years, 23% age 3-5 years, 36% age 6-11 years, and 15% age 12-17 years. (**Table 8C, Fig. 12A**)
- Fifty-four percent of the consumers with a goal of adoption were male and 46% were female. (**Fig. 12A**)

¹⁵ Children are less than 18 years old.

¹⁶ Children of any race who are Hispanic

- Forty-eight percent of the consumers in placement with a goal of adoption had been in continuous placement for more than two years. **(Table 8D, Fig. 12A)**
- Forty-three percent of the consumers in placement with a goal of guardianship had been in continuous placement for more than two years. **(Table 8D)**
- There has been a decline in the number of children¹⁷ in placement with a goal of adoption since 1994 (peak value of 4,522). In 1997, this group of “waiting” children fell below 4,000 for the first time since 1991. In general, changes in the number of children with a goal of adoption have coincided with changes in the placement population. (See table below)
- The proportion of “waiting” children reached its highest level in 1994 (35%). Since 1994, the proportion of children with a goal of adoption has dropped to 26%. (See table below)

Date	Children in Placement	Children in Placement with a Goal of Adoption	% of Children with a Goal of Adoption
7/91	12,397	3,541	29%
7/92	12,311	4,116	33%
7/93	12,577	4,244	34%
7/94	12,977	4,522	35%
7/95	13,056	4,352	33%
7/96	12,463	4,251	34%
7/97	11,957	3,673	31%
1/98	11,170	3,489	31%
9/98	10,872*	NA	NA
6/99	10,134*	3,118	31%
6/00	9,676*	3,089	32%
6/01	9,955*	2,859	29%
6/02	10,033	2,844	28%
6/03	10,233	2,864*	28%
6/04	9,829	2,761*	28%
6/05	9,474	2,569	27%
6/06	9,586	2,481	26%
9/06	9,306	2,456	26%

Notes: **Children are less than 18 years old.**

* = revised statistics

¹⁷ Children are less than 18 years old.

- Of the 2,461 “waiting” consumers in placement with a goal of adoption, 42% were legally free for adoption. Eighty percent of the freed children were matched to a permanent family. **(Fig. 12B)**
- The age distribution for consumers legally free for adoption differed slightly from the age group distribution for all consumers with a goal of adoption (See below and Fig. 12A). There is a tendency for older children to be freed. A bias toward older children may be a reflection of the time required to terminate parental rights – the more time it takes to free a child, the older the child is when freed.

Age Group (years)	Children Legally Free for Adoption		All Children with a Goal of Adoption	
	No.	%	No.	%
0 – 2	241	23%	628	26%
3 – 5	215	21%	573	23%
6 – 11	387	37%	896	36%
12 – 17	194	19%	359	15%
Total	1,037	100%	2,456	100%

Note: These children are less than 18 years old. All children 18 years or older are free for adoption.

- Of those children who were not legally free for adoption (58%), 64% were matched to permanent families **(Fig. 12B)**.
- The Boston and Southeastern Regions had the highest proportions (61% and 53%, respectively) of “waiting” children who were legally free for adoption. The Western Region had the highest proportion of “waiting” children who were matched to a permanent family (85%). **(Figs. 12C and 12D)**

TABLE 5A. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT - AGE AND LOCATION BY DSS REGION: FY'2007, End of 1ST QUARTER (9/30/06)

		Placement Location of Consumers							
DSS Geographic Region ⁽¹⁾	Age Group	Foster Care		Congregate Care		Other ⁽²⁾		Total	
		No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	
Western		1,894		296		116		2,306	
	(0 - 2 yrs)	294	16%	2	1%	3	3%	299	
	(3 - 5 yrs)	262	14%	4	1%	1	1%	267	
	(6 - 11 yrs)	420	22%	38	13%	16	14%	474	
	(12 - 17 yrs)	728	38%	213	72%	89	77%	1,030	
	18 or older	190	10%	39	13%	7	6%	236	
Central		1,028		293		63		1,384	
	(0 - 2 yrs)	166	16%	---	---	---	---	166	
	(3 - 5 yrs)	145	14%	3	1%	---	---	148	
	(6 - 11 yrs)	233	23%	48	16%	10	16%	291	
	(12 - 17 yrs)	376	37%	212	72%	49	78%	637	
	18 or older	108	11%	30	10%	4	6%	142	
Northeast		1,309		497		93		1,899	
	(0 - 2 yrs)	190	15%	---	---	1	1%	191	
	(3 - 5 yrs)	142	11%	1	*	1	1%	144	
	(6 - 11 yrs)	295	23%	51	10%	6	6%	352	
	(12 - 17 yrs)	469	36%	372	75%	82	88%	923	
	18 or older	213	16%	73	15%	3	3%	289	
Metro		963		434		60		1,457	
	(0 - 2 yrs)	172	18%	2	*	1	2%	175	
	(3 - 5 yrs)	117	12%	5	1%	1	2%	123	
	(6 - 11 yrs)	205	21%	43	10%	2	3%	250	
	(12 - 17 yrs)	331	34%	324	75%	50	83%	705	
	18 or older	138	14%	60	14%	6	10%	204	
Southeast		1,630		448		84		2,162	
	(0 - 2 yrs)	298	18%	2	*	1	1%	301	
	(3 - 5 yrs)	228	14%	4	1%	---	---	232	
	(6 - 11 yrs)	343	21%	57	13%	12	14%	412	
	(12 - 17 yrs)	564	35%	335	75%	67	80%	966	
	18 or older	197	12%	50	11%	4	5%	251	
Boston		761		342		100		1,203	
	(0 - 2 yrs)	116	15%	---	---	2	2%	118	
	(3 - 5 yrs)	86	11%	2	1%	1	1%	89	
	(6 - 11 yrs)	110	14%	38	11%	4	4%	152	
	(12 - 17 yrs)	305	40%	222	65%	86	86%	613	
	18 or older	144	19%	80	23%	7	7%	231	
Adoption Contracts ⁽³⁾		233		1		1		235	
	(0 - 2 yrs)	33	14%	---	---	---	---	33	
	(3 - 5 yrs)	58	25%	---	---	---	---	58	
	(6 - 11 yrs)	97	42%	1	100%	1	100%	99	
	(12 - 17 yrs)	45	19%	---	---	---	---	45	
Other ⁽⁴⁾		35		---		---		35	
	(0 - 2 yrs)	1	3%	---	---	---	---	1	
	(6 - 11 yrs)	2	6%	---	---	---	---	2	
	(12 - 17 yrs)	10	29%	---	---	---	---	10	
	18 or older	22	63%	---	---	---	---	22	
Total		7,853		2,311		517		10,681	

* = Less than 1% after rounding-off

Note: The summation of relative percentages may not equal 100% due to rounding-off.

⁽¹⁾ Region having responsibility for the case (child could be placed in another DSS Region).⁽²⁾ "Other" includes locations such as hospitals and other state agencies, as well as consumers on the run from placement.⁽³⁾ Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DSS to provide case management services.⁽⁴⁾ Includes primarily families served through Central Office contracts.

TABLE 5B. CONSUMERS IN FOSTER CARE - AGE AND LOCATION BY DSS REGION: FY'2007, End of 1ST QUARTER (9/30/06)

DSS Geographic Region ⁽¹⁾	Age Group	Foster Care							Foster Care Total
		Intensive Foster Care		Departmental Foster Care					
		Intensive Foster Care ⁽²⁾	Other ⁽³⁾	Child Specific	Independent Living	Kinship	Pre-Adoptive	Unrestricted	
Western		495	5	170	105	363	131	625	1,894
	(0 - 2 yrs)	8	3	17	---	79	54	133	294
	(3 - 5 yrs)	18	1	21	---	79	34	109	262
	(6 - 11 yrs)	88	---	45	---	111	35	141	420
	(12 - 17 yrs)	329	1	77	6	86	7	222	728
	18 or older	52	---	10	99	8	1	20	190
Central		253	2	84	55	236	53	345	1,028
	(0 - 2 yrs)	4	---	7	---	49	13	93	166
	(3 - 5 yrs)	11	---	4	---	47	20	63	145
	(6 - 11 yrs)	49	1	25	---	57	16	85	233
	(12 - 17 yrs)	158	1	42	---	77	4	94	376
	18 or older	31	---	6	55	6	---	10	108
Northeast		370	27	104	150	318	37	303	1,309
	(0 - 2 yrs)	42	2	7	---	48	13	78	190
	(3 - 5 yrs)	21	---	14	---	56	6	45	142
	(6 - 11 yrs)	74	2	31	---	112	13	63	295
	(12 - 17 yrs)	201	12	48	2	96	5	105	469
	18 or older	32	11	4	148	6	---	12	213
Metro		220	5	92	78	284	54	230	963
	(0 - 2 yrs)	13	4	6	---	57	24	68	172
	(3 - 5 yrs)	12	---	10	---	49	8	38	117
	(6 - 11 yrs)	60	1	14	---	80	15	35	205
	(12 - 17 yrs)	120	---	49	1	86	7	68	331
	18 or older	15	---	13	77	12	---	21	138
Southeast		305	9	146	131	480	56	503	1,630
	(0 - 2 yrs)	7	1	14	---	100	25	151	298
	(3 - 5 yrs)	13	2	14	---	91	12	96	228
	(6 - 11 yrs)	53	---	33	---	134	14	109	343
	(12 - 17 yrs)	210	---	75	6	138	5	130	564
	18 or older	22	6	10	125	17	---	17	197
Boston		211	7	69	93	180	21	180	761
	(0 - 2 yrs)	12	2	7	---	38	13	44	116
	(3 - 5 yrs)	20	1	7	---	29	4	25	86
	(6 - 11 yrs)	37	---	14	---	37	3	19	110
	(12 - 17 yrs)	121	4	31	---	66	1	82	305
	18 or older	21	---	10	93	10	---	10	144
Adoption Contracts ⁽⁴⁾		49	0	21	---	45	46	72	233
	(0 - 2 yrs)	0	---	1	---	10	8	14	33
	(3 - 5 yrs)	8	---	5	---	13	12	20	58
	(6 - 11 yrs)	23	---	7	---	18	19	30	97
	(12 - 17 yrs)	18	---	8	---	4	7	8	45
Other ⁽⁵⁾		---	---	6	8	2	---	19	35
	(0 - 2 yrs)	---	---	1	---	---	---	---	1
	(6 - 11 yrs)	---	---	1	---	---	---	1	2
	(12 - 17 yrs)	---	---	4	---	---	---	6	10
	18 or older	---	---	---	8	2	---	12	22
Total		1,903	55	692	620	1,908	398	2,277	7,853

⁽¹⁾ Region having responsibility for the case (child could be placed in another DSS Region).

⁽²⁾ IFC includes "Teen Parent Rate"

⁽³⁾ Other includes "Sibling Rate"

⁽⁴⁾ Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DSS to provide case management services.

⁽⁵⁾ Includes primarily families served through Central Office contracts.

TABLE 5C. CONSUMERS IN CONGREGATE CARE - AGE AND LOCATION BY DSS REGION: FY'2007, End of 1ST QUARTER (9/30/06)

DSS Geographic Region ⁽¹⁾		Congregate Care											Congregate Care Total
		Group Home						Residential Treatment				STARR ⁽²⁾	
		Bridge Home	Independent Living	Other ⁽³⁾	Regular	Teen Pregnancy/ Parenting	Transitional Living	Ch. 766	Diagnostic	Non-766	Other ⁽³⁾		
Western	Age Group	23	7	7	139	3	---	89	3	---	6	19	296
	(0 - 2 yrs)	2	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	2
	(3 - 5 yrs)	4	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	4
	(6 - 11 yrs)	5	---	---	13	---	---	17	1	---	---	2	38
	(12 - 17 yrs)	12	4	2	108	1	---	61	2	---	6	17	213
	18 or older	---	3	5	18	2	---	11	---	---	---	---	39
Central		---	8	---	72	7	---	118	5	8	18	57	293
	(3 - 5 yrs)	---	---	---	1	---	---	---	---	---	---	2	3
	(6 - 11 yrs)	---	---	---	3	---	---	22	1	---	7	15	48
	(12 - 17 yrs)	---	5	---	59	5	---	85	4	8	7	39	212
	18 or older	---	3	---	9	2	---	11	---	---	4	1	30
Northeast		1	48	---	119	1	---	219	31	1	25	52	497
	(3 - 5 yrs)	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	1	1
	(6 - 11 yrs)	---	---	---	9	---	---	33	---	---	6	3	51
	(12 - 17 yrs)	1	17	---	95	1	---	162	31	1	16	48	372
	18 or older	---	31	---	15	---	---	24	---	---	3	---	73
Metro		1	41	1	122	4	3	189	11	10	18	34	434
	(0 - 2 yrs)	---	---	---	---	1	---	---	---	---	---	1	2
	(3 - 5 yrs)	---	---	---	---	---	---	1	---	---	---	4	5
	(6 - 11 yrs)	---	---	---	4	---	---	34	---	---	2	3	43
	(12 - 17 yrs)	1	18	---	105	3	1	134	11	10	15	26	324
	18 or older	---	23	1	13	---	2	20	---	---	1	---	60
Southeast		8	24	---	112	9	---	208	37	1	13	36	448
	(0 - 2 yrs)	1	---	---	1	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	2
	(3 - 5 yrs)	1	---	---	---	---	---	2	1	---	---	---	4
	(6 - 11 yrs)	3	---	---	15	---	---	29	5	---	1	4	57
	(12 - 17 yrs)	3	11	---	88	6	---	157	31	1	7	31	335
	18 or older	---	13	---	8	3	---	20	---	---	5	1	50
Boston		1	45	1	119	9	---	125	4	---	13	25	342
	(3 - 5 yrs)	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	2	2
	(6 - 11 yrs)	1	---	---	12	---	---	16	---	---	1	8	38
	(12 - 17 yrs)	---	10	---	96	8	---	84	3	---	6	15	222
	18 or older	---	35	1	11	1	---	25	1	---	6	---	80
Adoption Contracts ⁽⁴⁾		1	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	1
	(6 - 11 yrs)	1	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	1
Total		35	173	9	683	33	3	948	91	20	93	223	2,311

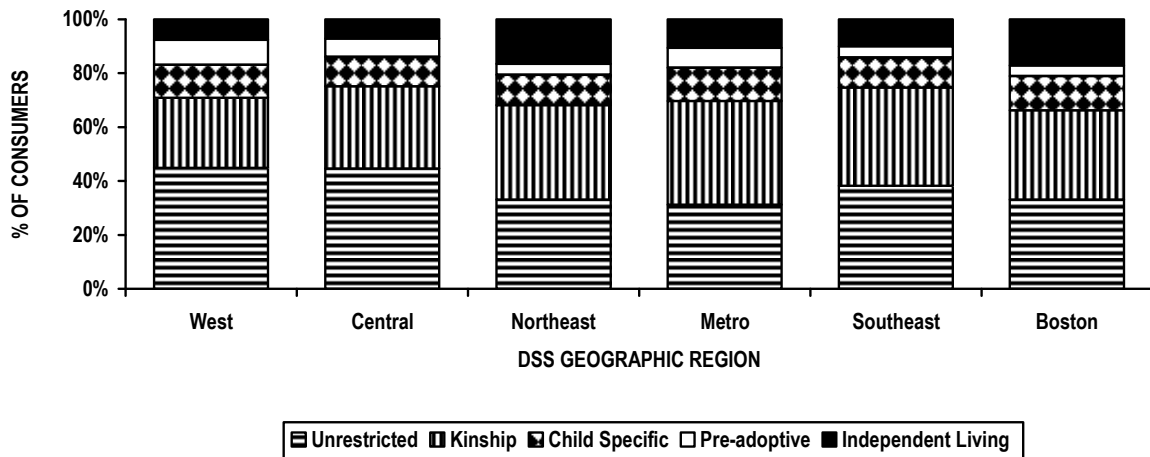
⁽¹⁾ Region having responsibility for the case (child could be placed in another DSS Region).

⁽²⁾ STARR = Stabilization and Rapid Reintegration (short-term residential placement service)

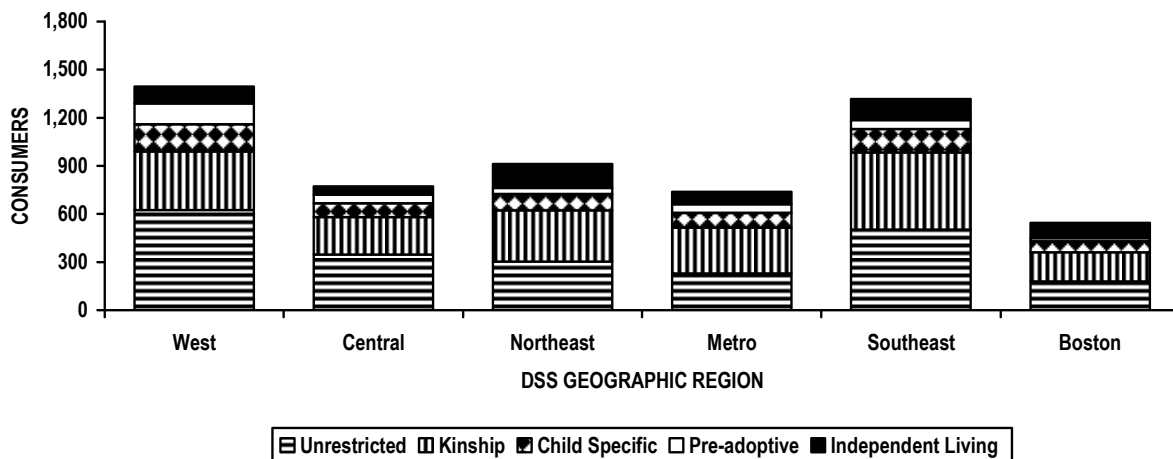
⁽³⁾ Sites/facilities that differ from the other types of group homes or residential treatment facilities.

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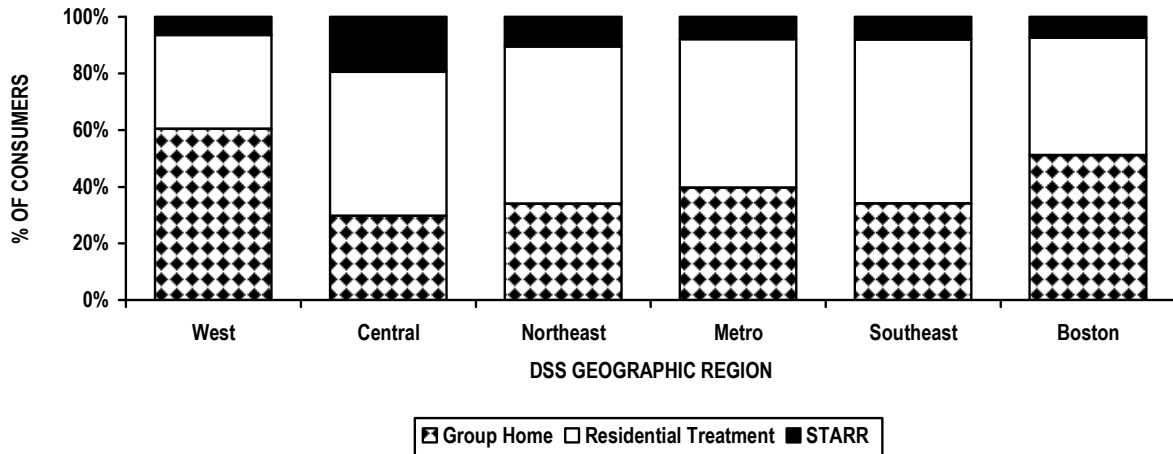
**FIGURE 7A. REGIONAL PROPORTIONS OF CONSUMERS
IN DEPARTMENTAL FOSTER CARE BY TYPE OF LOCATION
FY'2007, End of 1ST QUARTER (9/30/06)**



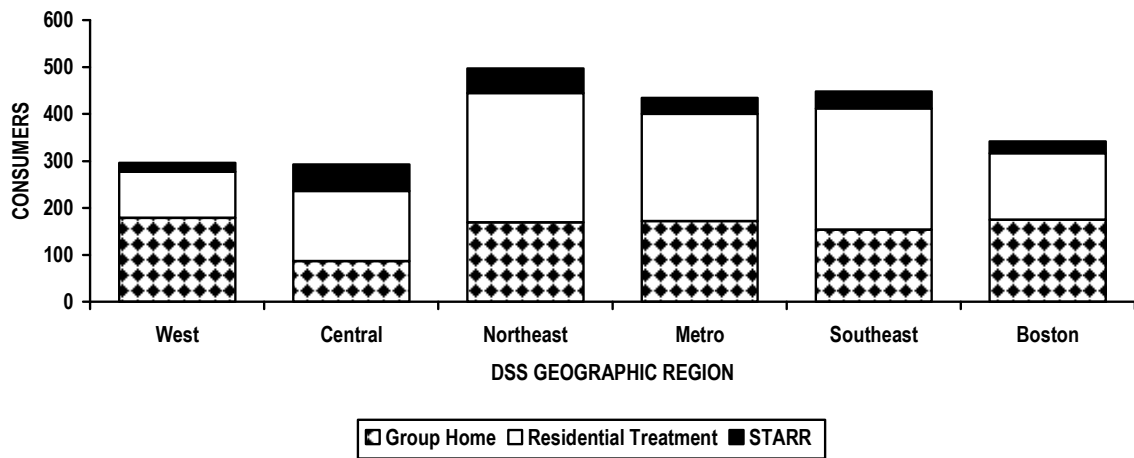
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FY'2007, End of 1ST QUARTER (9/30/06)**



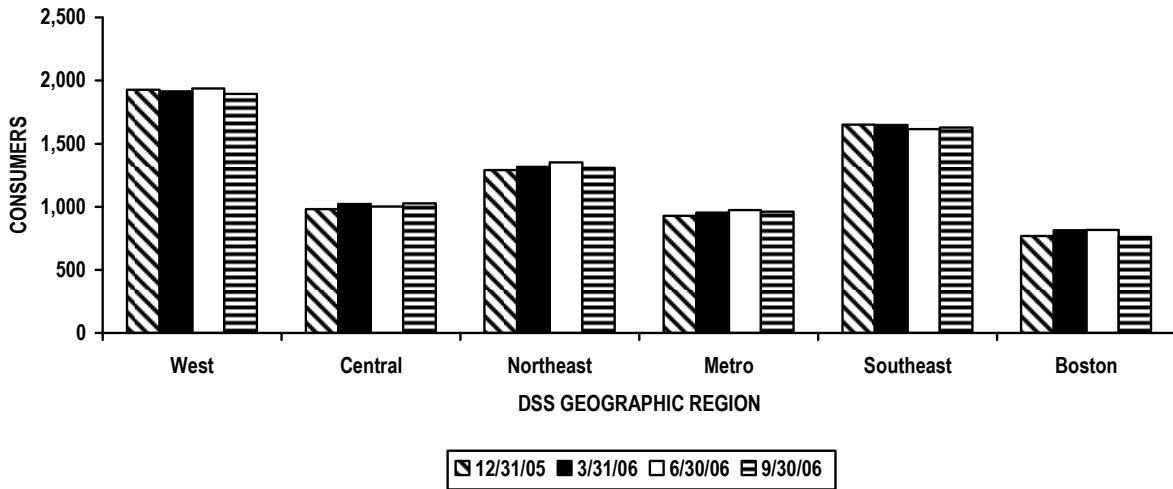
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IN CONGREGATE CARE BY TYPE OF LOCATION
FY'2007, End of 1ST QUARTER (9/30/06)**



**FIGURE 8B. REGIONAL COUNTS OF CONSUMERS
IN CONGREGATE CARE BY TYPE OF LOCATION
FY'2007, End of 1ST QUARTER (9/30/06)**



**FIGURE 9. CONSUMERS IN FOSTER CARE BY DSS REGION
(FY'2006, End of 2ND QUARTER to FY'2007, End of 1ST QUARTER)**



**FIGURE 10. CONSUMERS IN CONGREGATE CARE BY DSS REGION
(FY'2006, End of 2ND QUARTER to FY'2007, End of 1ST QUARTER)**

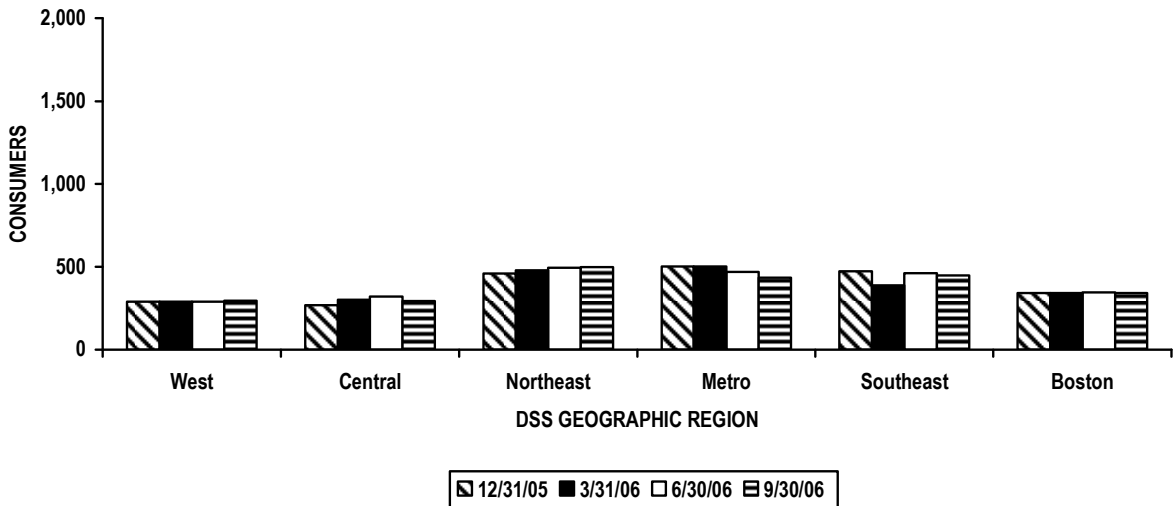


TABLE 6A. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT: SEX, RACE, AND HISPANIC ORIGIN BY DSS REGIONS AND STATE: FY'2007, End of 1ST QUARTER (9/30/06)

Characteristics	DSS Geographic Region												Adoption				Total	
	West		Central		Northeast		Metro		Southeast		Boston		Contracts ⁽¹⁾		Other ⁽²⁾			
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Sex:																		
Female	1,098	48%	677	49%	910	48%	722	50%	1,036	48%	596	50%	111	47%	9	26%	5,159	48%
Male	1,208	52%	707	51%	989	52%	735	50%	1,126	52%	607	50%	124	53%	26	74%	5,522	52%
Total	2,306	100%	1,384	100%	1,899	100%	1,457	100%	2,162	100%	1,203	100%	235	100%	35	100%	10,681	100%
Race:																		
White	1,472	64%	946	68%	1,145	60%	986	68%	1,421	66%	292	24%	114	49%	2	6%	6,378	60%
Black	322	14%	159	11%	196	10%	259	18%	379	18%	671	56%	54	23%	28	80%	2,068	19%
Asian	6	*	11	1%	85	4%	15	1%	14	1%	15	1%	1	0%	2	6%	149	1%
Native American	4	*	1	*	2	*	1	*	10	*	2	*	1	*	---	---	21	*
Other ⁽³⁾	3	*	2	*	---	---	1	*	3	*	---	---	---	---	---	---	9	*
Multi-Racial	92	4%	50	4%	79	4%	61	4%	109	5%	34	3%	24	10%	---	---	449	4%
Unspecified	407	18%	215	16%	392	21%	134	9%	226	10%	189	16%	41	17%	3	9%	1,607	15%
Total	2,306	100%	1,384	100%	1,899	100%	1,457	100%	2,162	100%	1,203	100%	235	100%	35	100%	10,681	100%
Hispanic/Latino Origin:																		
Hispanic/Latino	836	36%	362	26%	628	33%	216	15%	287	13%	285	24%	67	29%	2	6%	2,683	25%
Not Hispanic/Latino	1,352	59%	954	69%	1,205	63%	1,172	80%	1,761	81%	864	72%	155	66%	27	77%	7,490	70%
Unspecified	118	5%	68	5%	66	3%	69	5%	114	5%	54	4%	13	6%	6	17%	508	5%
Total	2,306	100%	1,384	100%	1,899	100%	1,457	100%	2,162	100%	1,203	100%	235	100%	35	100%	10,681	100%

* = Less than 1% after rounding-off

Note: The summation of relative percentages may not equal 100% due to rounding-off.

⁽¹⁾ Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DSS to provide case management services.

⁽²⁾ Includes primarily families served through Central Office contracts.

⁽³⁾ Includes Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islanders.

TABLE 6B. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT: AGE, SERVICE PLAN GOAL, AND CONTINUOUS TIME IN CARE BY DSS REGIONS AND STATE:
FY'2007, End of 1ST QUARTER (9/30/06)

Characteristics	DSS Geographic Region												Adoption		Total	
	West		Central		Northeast		Metro		Southeast		Boston		Contracts ⁽¹⁾		Other ⁽²⁾	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Age:																
(0 - 2 yrs)	299	13%	166	12%	191	10%	175	12%	301	14%	118	10%	33	14%	1	3%
(3 - 5 yrs)	267	12%	148	11%	144	8%	123	8%	232	11%	89	7%	58	25%	---	---
(6 - 11 yrs)	474	21%	291	21%	352	19%	250	17%	412	19%	152	13%	99	42%	2	6%
(12 - 17 yrs)	1,030	45%	637	46%	923	49%	705	48%	966	45%	613	51%	45	19%	10	29%
18 or older	236	10%	142	10%	289	15%	204	14%	251	12%	231	19%	---	---	22	63%
Total	2,306	100%	1,384	100%	1,899	100%	1,457	100%	2,162	100%	1,203	100%	235	100%	35	100%
Service Plan Goals:																
Reunify Family	642	28%	444	32%	609	32%	478	33%	764	35%	356	30%	2	1%	2	6%
Adoption	600	26%	358	26%	367	19%	260	18%	440	20%	207	17%	229	97%	---	---
Living Independently	428	19%	230	17%	390	21%	308	21%	436	20%	341	28%	---	---	25	71%
Long-Term Substitute Care	301	13%	164	12%	294	15%	200	14%	218	10%	125	10%	2	1%	2	6%
Guardianship	118	5%	77	6%	69	4%	68	5%	126	6%	49	4%	2	1%	---	---
Stabilize Intact Family	107	5%	63	5%	92	5%	76	5%	91	4%	52	4%	---	---	---	---
Long-Term Care w/Adult Serv. Agen.	61	3%	30	2%	60	3%	50	3%	71	3%	65	5%	---	---	---	---
Unspecified	49	2%	18	1%	18	1%	17	1%	16	1%	8	1%	---	---	6	17%
Total	2,306	100%	1,384	100%	1,899	100%	1,457	100%	2,162	100%	1,203	100%	235	100%	35	100%
Continuous Time in Care:																
(.5 yr or less)	537	23%	339	24%	431	23%	385	26%	545	25%	271	23%	5	2%	6	17%
(> .5 - 1 yr)	355	15%	253	18%	316	17%	252	17%	358	17%	188	16%	18	8%	1	3%
(> 1 - 1.5 yrs)	295	13%	172	12%	201	11%	169	12%	287	13%	140	12%	35	15%	3	9%
(> 1.5 - 2 yrs)	206	9%	106	8%	151	8%	128	9%	189	9%	93	8%	34	14%	6	17%
(> 2 - 4 yrs)	437	19%	293	21%	362	19%	302	21%	422	20%	233	19%	89	38%	9	26%
> 4 yrs	476	21%	221	16%	438	23%	221	15%	361	17%	278	23%	54	23%	10	29%
Total	2,306	100%	1,384	100%	1,899	100%	1,457	100%	2,162	100%	1,203	100%	235	100%	35	100%

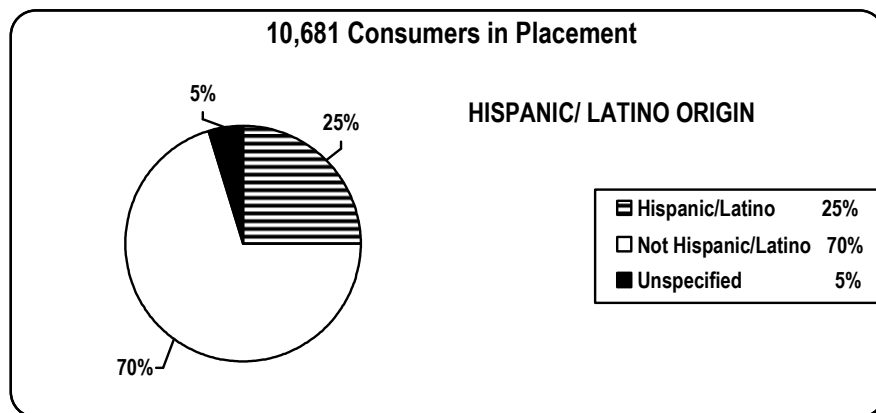
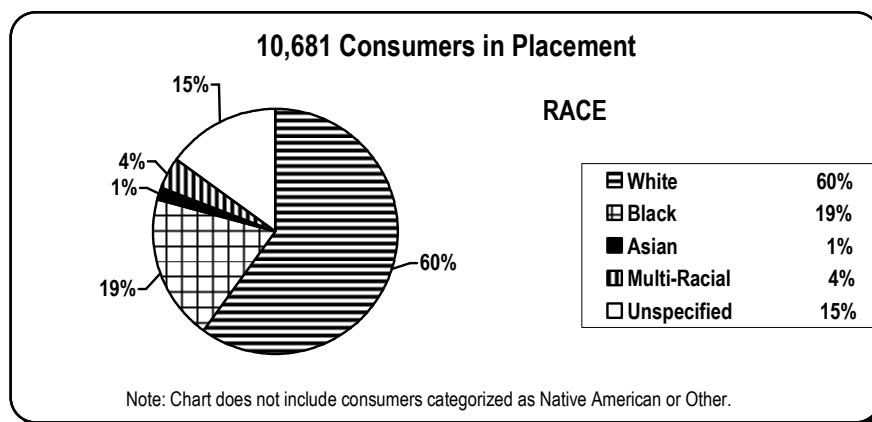
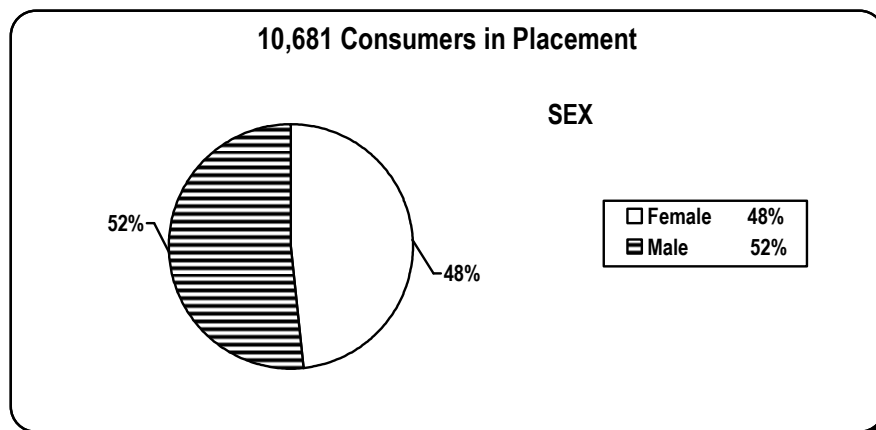
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Note: The summation of relative percentages may not equal 100% due to rounding-off.

⁽¹⁾ Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DSS to provide case management services.

⁽²⁾ Includes primarily families served through Central Office contracts.

FIGURE 11A. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY SEX, RACE, AND HISPANIC ORIGIN
STATEWIDE: FY'2007, End of 1ST QUARTER (9/30/06)



**FIGURE 11B. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY AGE, SERVICE PLAN GOAL,
AND CONTINUOUS TIME IN PLACEMENT
STATEWIDE: FY'2007, End of 1ST QUARTER (9/30/06)**

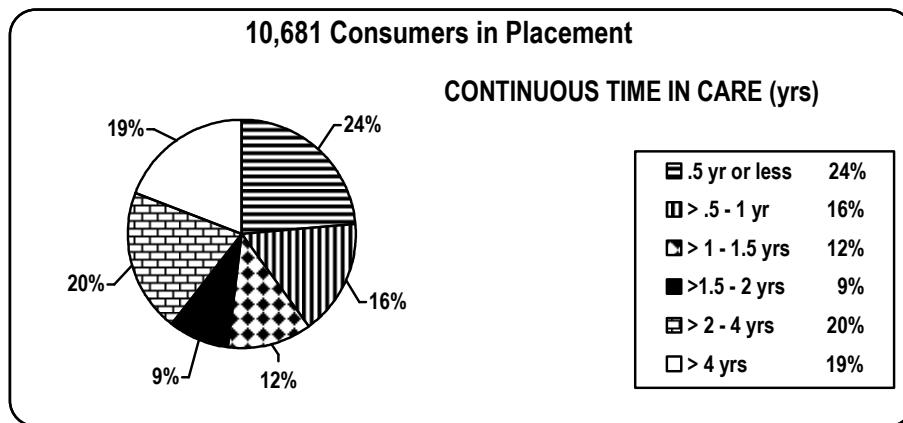
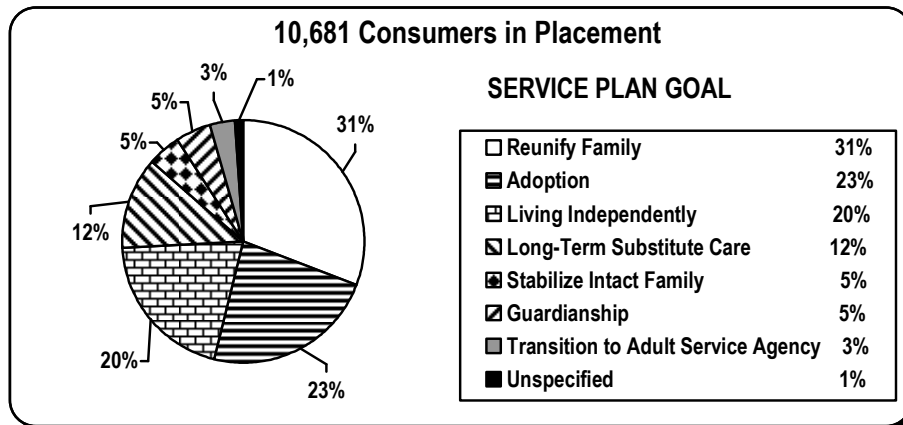
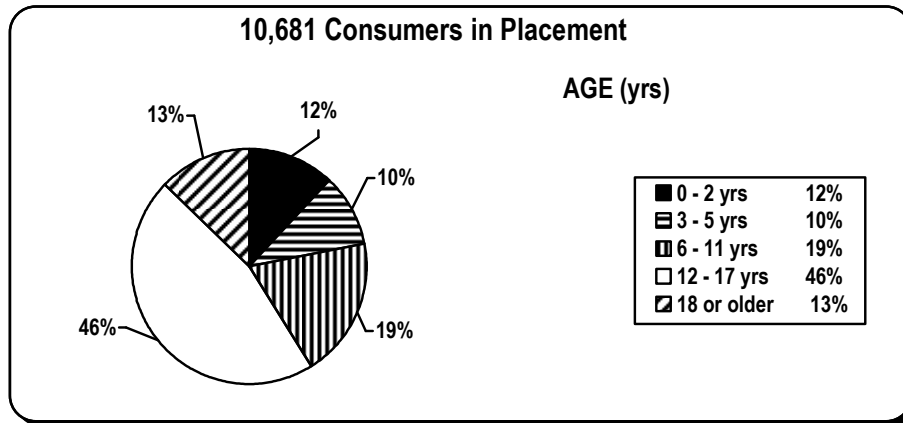


TABLE 7A. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY RACE AND CONTINUOUS TIME IN CARE: STATEWIDE FY'2007, End of 1ST QUARTER (9/30/06)

Continuous Time in Care	Race of Consumers														Total	
	White		Black		Asian		Native American		Other ⁽¹⁾		Multi-Racial		Unspecified			
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
(.5 yr or less)	1,505	24%	451	22%	30	20%	4	19%	4	44%	114	25%	411	26%	2,519	24%
(>.5 - 1 yr)	1,024	16%	312	15%	24	16%	1	5%	3	33%	75	17%	302	19%	1,741	16%
(>1 - 1.5 yrs)	808	13%	234	11%	20	13%	3	14%	---	---	63	14%	174	11%	1,302	12%
(>1.5 - 2 yrs)	552	9%	176	9%	8	5%	6	29%	---	---	51	11%	120	7%	913	9%
(>2 - 4 yrs)	1,298	20%	413	20%	28	19%	5	24%	---	---	85	19%	318	20%	2,147	20%
> 4yrs	1,191	19%	482	23%	39	26%	2	10%	2	22%	61	14%	282	18%	2,059	19%
Total	6,378	100%	2,068	100%	149	100%	21	100%	9	100%	449	100%	1,607	100%	10,681	100%

⁽¹⁾ Includes Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islanders.

TABLE 7B. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY HISPANIC/LATINO ORIGIN AND CONTINUOUS TIME IN CARE: STATEWIDE FY'2007, End of 1ST QUARTER (9/30/06)

Continuous Time in Care	Hispanic/Latino Origin ⁽¹⁾ of Consumers						Total	
	Hispanic/		Not Hispanic/		Unspecified			
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
(.5 yr or less)	585	22%	1,792	24%	142	28%	2,519	24%
(>.5 - 1 yr)	471	18%	1,186	16%	84	17%	1,741	16%
(>1 - 1.5 yrs)	309	12%	920	12%	73	14%	1,302	12%
(>1.5 - 2 yrs)	225	8%	636	8%	52	10%	913	9%
(>2 - 4 yrs)	543	20%	1,523	20%	81	16%	2,147	20%
> 4yrs	550	20%	1,433	19%	76	15%	2,059	19%
Total	2,683	100%	7,490	100%	508	100%	10,681	100%

⁽¹⁾ Consumers of any race who self-identify as being of Hispanic origin.

TABLE 8A. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY RACE AND SERVICE PLAN GOAL: STATEWIDE FY'2007, End of 1ST QUARTER (9/30/06)

Service Plan Goal	Race of Consumers												Total			
	Native															
	White		Black		Asian		American		Other ⁽¹⁾		Multi-Racial		Unspecified			
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Reunify Family	2,020	61%	543	16%	53	2%	7	*	5	*	134	4%	535	16%	3,297	100%
Adoption	1,457	59%	402	16%	13	1%	3	*	1	*	167	7%	418	17%	2,461	100%
Living Independently	1,250	58%	560	26%	42	2%	7	*	1	*	53	2%	245	11%	2,158	100%
Long-Term Substitute Care	779	60%	284	22%	19	1%	2	*	---	---	42	3%	180	14%	1,306	100%
Guardianship	321	63%	101	20%	5	1%	1	*	---	---	23	5%	58	11%	509	100%
Stabilize Intact Family	273	57%	78	16%	12	2%	1	*	2	---	19	4%	96	20%	481	100%
Long-Term Care w/Adult Serv. Agen.	220	65%	71	21%	4	1%	---	---	---	---	5	1%	37	11%	337	100%
Unspecified	58	44%	29	22%	1	1%	---	---	---	---	6	5%	38	29%	132	100%
Total	6,378	60%	2,068	19%	149	1%	21	*	9	*	449	4%	1,607	15%	10,681	100%

⁽¹⁾ Includes Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islanders.

TABLE 8B. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY HISPANIC/LATINO ORIGIN AND SERVICE PLAN GOAL: STATEWIDE FY'2007, End of 1ST QUARTER (9/30/06)

Service Plan Goal	Hispanic/Latino Origin ⁽¹⁾ of Consumers						Total	
	Hispanic/ Latino		Not Hispanic/ Latino		Unspecified			
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Reunify Family	821	25%	2,316	70%	160	5%	3,297	100%
Adoption	693	28%	1,603	65%	165	7%	2,461	100%
Living Independently	445	21%	1,631	76%	82	4%	2,158	100%
Long-Term Substitute Care	366	28%	896	69%	44	3%	1,306	100%
Guardianship	104	20%	383	75%	22	4%	509	100%
Stabilize Intact Family	136	28%	329	68%	16	3%	481	100%
Long-Term Care w/Adult Serv. Agen.	73	22%	260	77%	4	1%	337	100%
Unspecified	45	34%	72	55%	15	11%	132	100%
Total	2,683	25%	7,490	70%	508	5%	10,681	100%

⁽¹⁾ Consumers of any race who self-identify as being of Hispanic/Latino origin.

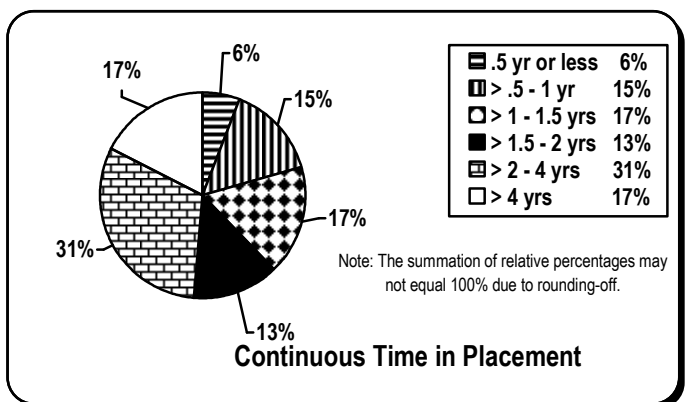
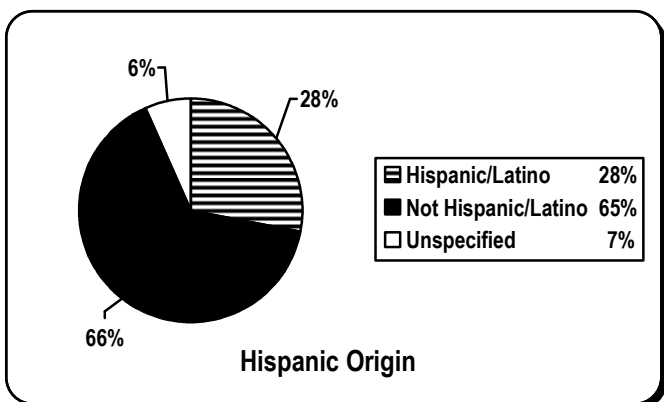
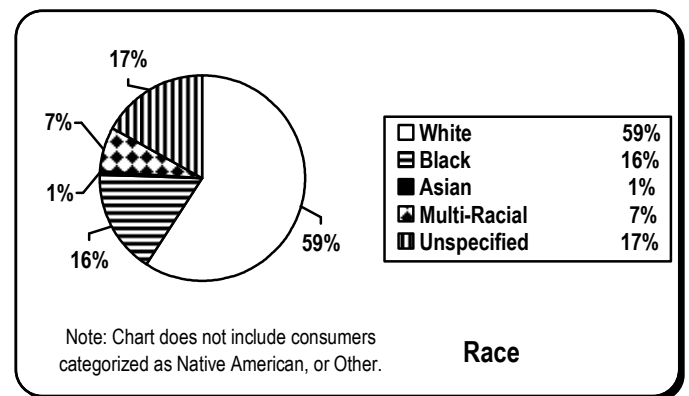
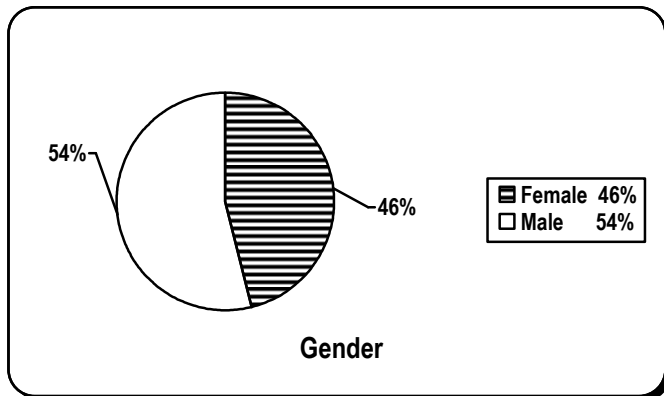
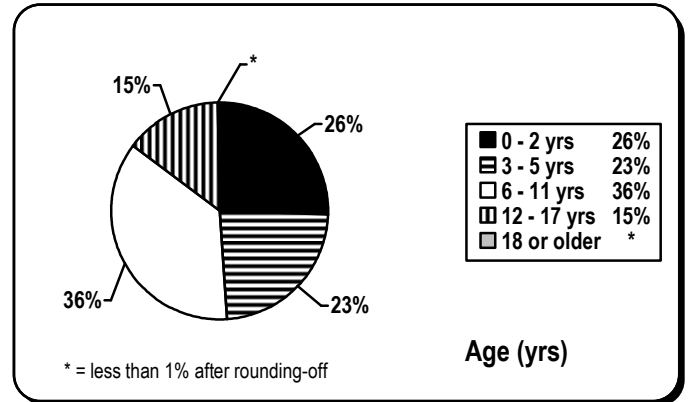
TABLE 8C. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY AGE GROUP AND SERVICE PLAN GOAL: STATEWIDE FY'2007, End of 1ST QUARTER (9/30/06)

Service Plan Goal	Age Group of Consumers										Total	
	(0 - 2 yrs)		(3 - 5 yrs)		(6 - 11 yrs)		(12 - 17 yrs)		18 or older			
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Reunify Family	537	16%	409	12%	718	22%	1,611	49%	22	1%	3,297	100%
Adoption	628	26%	573	23%	896	36%	359	15%	5	*	2,461	100%
Living Independently	---	---	---	---	---	---	1,079	50%	1,079	50%	2,158	100%
Long-Term Substitute Care	1	*	2	*	135	10%	1,123	86%	45	3%	1,306	100%
Guardianship	23	5%	39	8%	178	35%	265	52%	4	1%	509	100%
Stabilize Intact Family	49	10%	32	7%	80	17%	301	63%	19	4%	481	100%
Long-Term Care w/Adult Serv. Agen.	---	---	---	---	9	3%	131	39%	197	58%	337	100%
Unspecified	46	35%	6	5%	16	12%	60	45%	4	3%	132	100%
Total	1,284	12%	1,061	10%	2,032	19%	4,929	46%	1,375	13%	10,681	100%

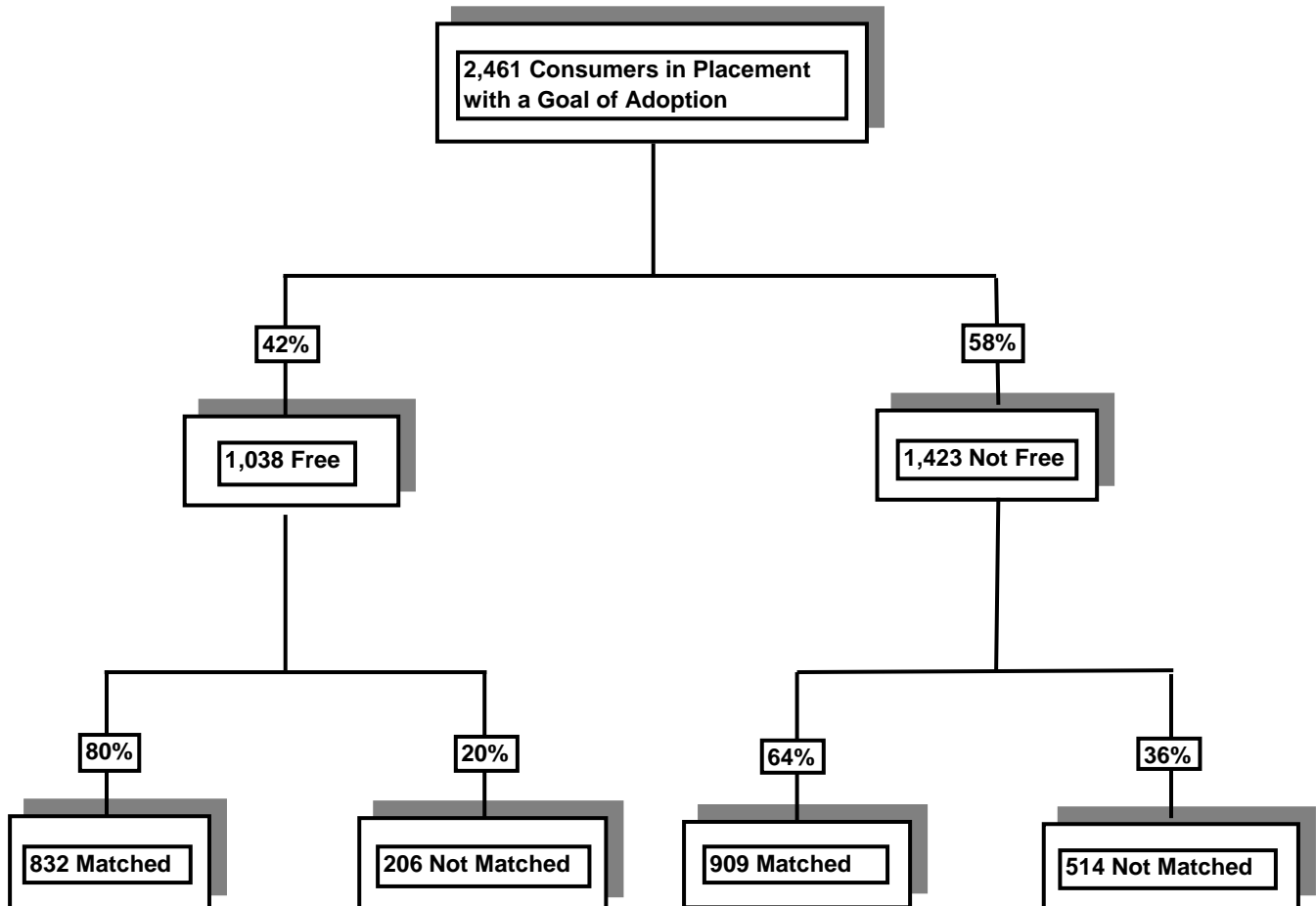
TABLE 8D. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY CONTINUOUS TIME IN PLACEMENT AND SERVICE PLAN GOAL: STATEWIDE FY'2007, End of 1ST QUARTER (9/30/06)

Service Plan Goal	Continuous Time in Placement										Total			
	(.5yr or less		(> .5 - 1 yr)		(>1 - 1.5 yrs)		(>1.5 - 2 yrs)		(>2 - 4 yrs)				> 4 yrs	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Reunify Family	1,567	48%	976	30%	365	11%	150	5%	203	6%	36	1%	3,297	100%
Adoption	141	6%	362	15%	427	17%	332	13%	770	31%	429	17%	2,461	100%
Living Independently	172	8%	173	8%	209	10%	186	9%	577	27%	841	39%	2,158	100%
Long-Term Substitute Care	88	7%	99	8%	127	10%	141	11%	369	28%	482	37%	1,306	100%
Guardianship	29	6%	61	12%	124	24%	77	15%	141	28%	77	15%	509	100%
Stabilize Intact Family	377	78%	51	11%	25	5%	6	1%	17	4%	5	1%	481	100%
Long-Term Care w/Adult Serv. Agen.	21	6%	16	5%	23	7%	21	6%	67	20%	189	56%	337	100%
Unspecified	124	94%	3	2%	2	2%	---	---	3	2%	---	---	132	100%
Total	2,519	24%	1,741	16%	1,302	12%	913		2,147		2,059		10,681	100%

**Figure 12A. Age, Sex, Race, Hispanic Origin, and Continuous Time in Placement
of Consumers with a Goal of Adoption
FY'2007, End of 1ST QUARTER (9/30/06)**



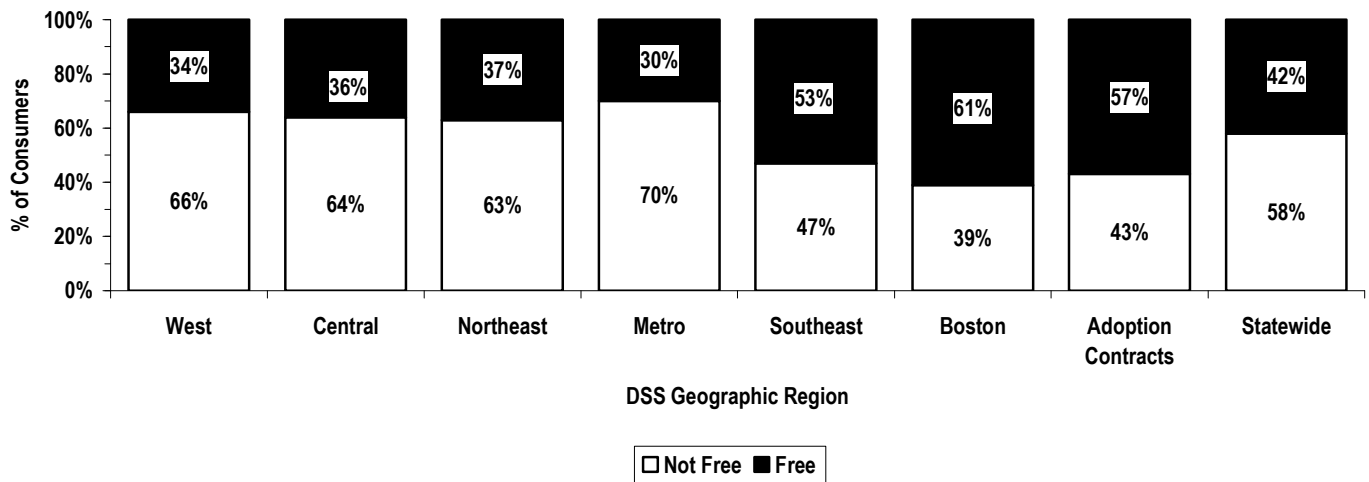
**Figure 12B. Consumers in Placement with a Goal of Adoption:
Legal Status and Match Status
FY'2007, End of 1ST QUARTER (9/30/06)**



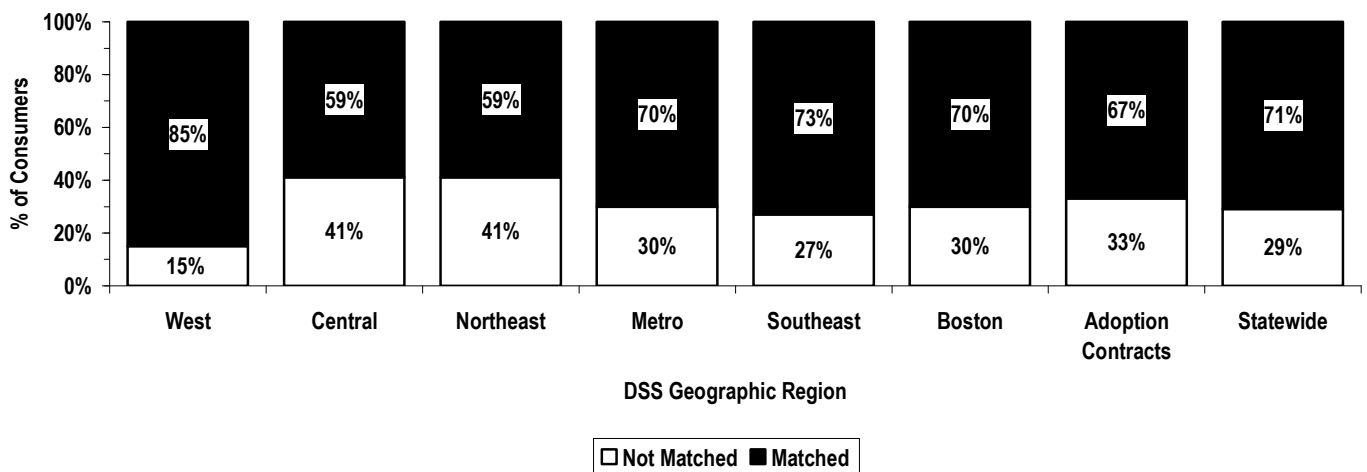
Note: Free = Legally Free for Adoption

Matched = Matched to a Permanent Family

**FIGURE 12C. Consumers in Placement with a Goal of Adoption and Legally Freed Status
FY'07, End of 1ST QUARTER (9/30/06)**



**FIGURE 12D. Consumers in Placement with a Goal of Adoption
and Whether Matched to a Permanent Family
FY'07, End of 1ST QUARTER (9/30/06)**



Case Intakes (Openings)

- Beginning with the 1st Quarter of FY'2007, a programming change was made in order to pick up case openings missed in prior reports (short-term openings and closings within the quarter). This programming modification resulted in an increase of 317 case openings and 943 consumers with case openings (both counts are unduplicated) during the quarter. Consequently, these intake statistics cannot be compared with previous quarters. Monitoring for trends will need to proceed from this point forward (**Fig. 14**).
- During the 1st Quarter of FY'2007, there were 3,485 case openings (unduplicated) and 14,286 consumer openings (unduplicated). Case openings include both new cases and cases that previously had been closed by DSS. Consumers who entered the DSS system during the quarter include both members of new cases and new members of ongoing cases, as well as re-opened consumers (previously opened and closed). (**Tables 9A and 9B**)
- Eighty-two percent of case intakes and 85% of consumer intakes were due to supported abuse/neglect reports. (**Tables 9A and 9B**)
- Voluntary requests for services accounted for 9% of case intakes and 7% of consumer intakes. (**Tables 9A and 9B**)
- CHINS referrals amounted to 6% of case intakes and 5% of consumer intakes. (**Tables 9A and 9B**)
- The proportion of case openings by type of intake is presented for each region in Fig. 13. Supported reports accounted for 77-86% of the total intakes for each region. The Northeastern and Boston Regions had the largest proportions of CHINS referrals (9% each). Voluntary requests were most significant in the Metro (13%) and Central (12%) Regions. (**Fig. 13, Table 9A**)
- The regional counts of CHINS referrals ranged from 16 (Metro) to 50 (Northeast). Voluntary requests were highest in Metro (75 case openings). Case intakes via supported reports of child maltreatment were most numerous in the Southeast and West. The Southeast and West had the highest numbers of supported investigations during the 1st Quarter of FY'2007 (See Table 14 on page 50). (**Table 9A**)
- Statewide and regionally, case openings are lowest in the 1st quarter. (**Fig. 14**). This quarterly trend in case openings is driven by reports and investigations. Reports and investigations are lowest in the 1st quarter (summer vacation) then rise during the school year (**Figs. 20 and 21** on page 52).

TABLE 9A. CASE INTAKES DURING THE QUARTER BY TYPE OF INITIAL CONTACT AND DSS REGION:
FY'2007, 1ST QUARTER (7/1/06 - 9/30/06)

DSS Geographic Region	Case Counts ⁽¹⁾										Total No.
	Supported CA/N Reports		CHINS Referrals		Voluntary Requests for Services		Other ⁽²⁾		Unspecified		
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	
Western	617	86%	35	5%	43	6%	12	2%	7	1%	714
Central	391	77%	39	8%	62	12%	16	3%	---	---	508
Northeast	446	78%	50	9%	58	10%	15	3%	2	*	571
Metro	463	83%	16	3%	75	13%	6	1%	---	---	560
Southeast	654	84%	41	5%	56	7%	28	4%	1	*	780
Boston	329	82%	38	9%	26	6%	10	2%	---	---	403
Other ⁽³⁾	4	100%	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	4
Total	2,904	82%	219	6%	320	9%	87	2%	10	*	3,540

⁽¹⁾ Case openings include both new cases and cases that previously had been closed. The total summation for each DSS Region is a duplicated count because some families had more than one case opening in a quarter by more than one type of initial contact. The unduplicated count of total case openings is **3,485**.

⁽²⁾ Includes Court Referral, Institutional Abuse/Neglect, Baby Safe Haven, and Other.

⁽³⁾ Includes Judge Baker Children's Center, Adoption Contracts, and Special Investigations Unit.

TABLE 9B. CONSUMER INTAKES DURING THE QUARTER BY TYPE OF INITIAL CONTACT AND DSS REGION:
FY'2007, 1ST QUARTER (7/1/06 - 9/30/06)

DSS Geographic Region	Consumer Counts ⁽¹⁾										Total No.
	Supported CA/N Reports		CHINS Referrals		Voluntary Requests for Services		Other ⁽²⁾		Unspecified		
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	
Western	2,717	91%	100	3%	113	4%	33	1%	12	*	2,975
Central	1,730	80%	148	7%	251	12%	45	2%	---	---	2,174
Northeast	1,987	82%	195	8%	194	8%	60	2%	2	*	2,438
Metro	1,928	86%	52	2%	251	11%	19	1%	---	---	2,250
Southeast	2,815	86%	152	5%	198	6%	116	4%	2	*	3,283
Boston	1,379	86%	118	7%	74	5%	26	2%	---	---	1,597
Other ⁽³⁾	16	100%	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	16
Total	12,572	85%	765	5%	1,081	7%	299	2%	16	*	14,733

* = Less than 1% after rounding-off

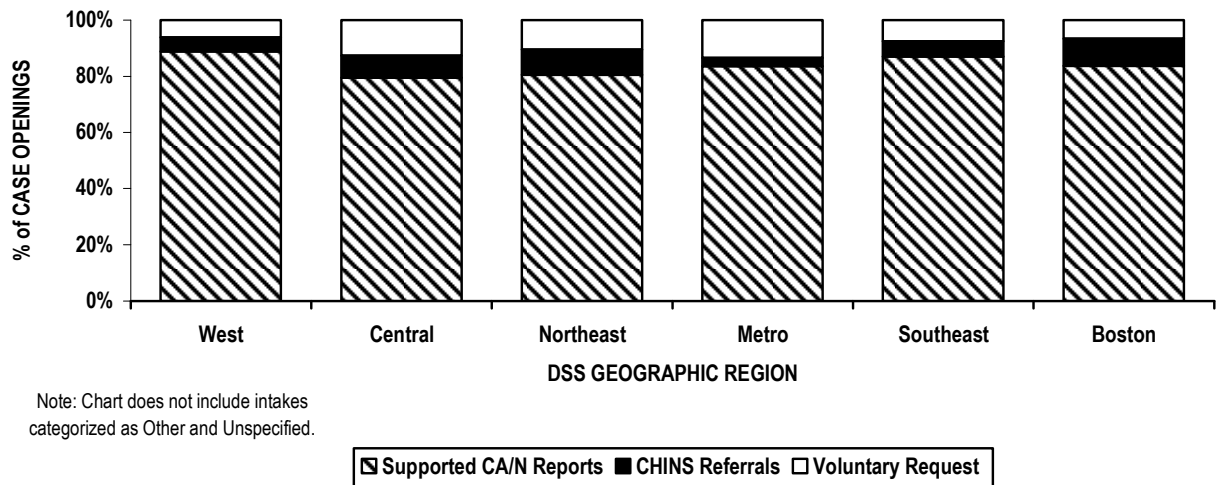
Note: The summation of relative percentages may not equal 100% due to rounding-off.

⁽¹⁾ Counts of consumers with case openings or newly added to ongoing cases during the quarter. The total summation for each DSS Region is a duplicated count because some consumers had more than one type of initial contact during the quarter. The unduplicated count of total consumers with case openings or newly added to ongoing cases is **14,286**.

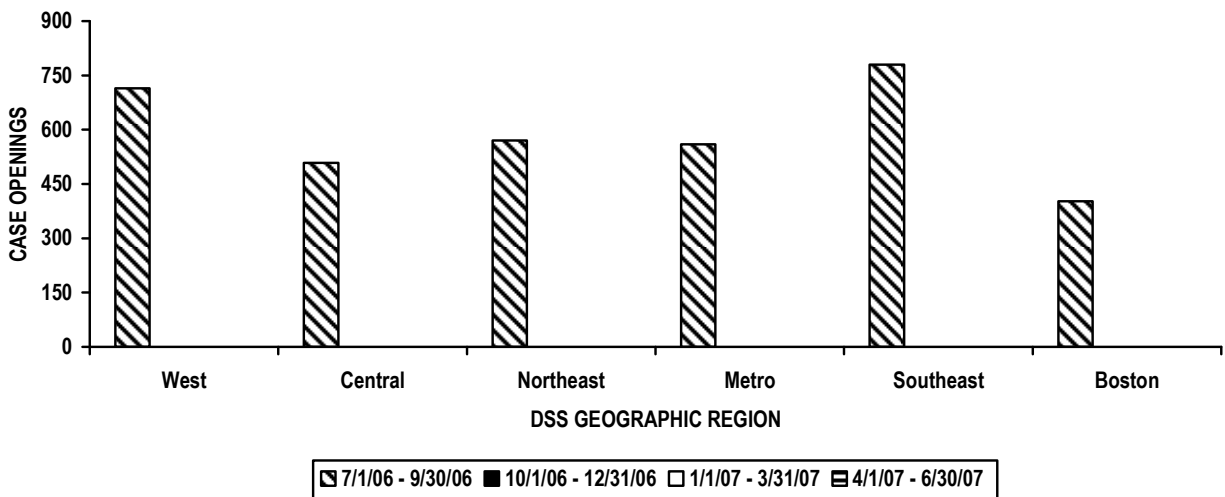
⁽²⁾ Includes Court Referral, Institutional Abuse/Neglect, Baby Safe Haven, and Other.

⁽³⁾ Includes Judge Baker Children's Center, Adoption Contracts, and Special Investigations Unit.

**FIGURE 13. REASON FOR CASE OPENINGS BY DSS REGION
FY'2007, 1ST QUARTER (7/1/06 - 9/30/06)**



**FIGURE 14. INTAKES (CASE OPENINGS) BY DSS REGION
(FY'2007, 1ST QUARTER - FY'2007, 4TH QUARTER)**



NOTE: Due to a new selection criteria for case openings, counts for FY'2007, Q1 cannot be compared to previous quarters. New quarters will be added as time progresses.

Consumers Entering and Leaving Placement during the Quarter

- During the 1st Quarter of FY'2007, 2,618 consumers started at least one placement and 2,121 consumers left at least one placement.¹⁸ These counts of placement dynamics do not include consumers who changed placements during the quarter. (Tables 10 and 11)

Entries to Placement

- Of those consumers who entered a placement setting during the 1st Quarter of FY'2007, 43% were first-time entrants and 57% were re-entrants.¹⁹ Regionally, the proportion of first-time entrants ranged from 35% in Boston to 48% in the Southeast. (Table 10, Fig. 15)
- The largest proportions of consumers entering placement (first-time entrants and re-entrants combined) occurred in the West (23% of statewide entrants) and the Southeast (20%). (Table 10)
- Across the state, 68% of all entrants were placed in foster care, 26% were placed in congregate care,²⁰ and 6% were placed in non-referral locations.²¹ (Table 10)
- Statewide, first-time entrants to placement were more likely than re-entrants to be placed in foster care. Seventy-five percent of first-time entrants and 63% of re-entrants were placed in foster homes. Conversely, 29% of re-entrants and 21% of first-time entrants were placed in congregate care. (Table 10)
- Metro was the only region where re-entrants were evenly divided between foster care (94 consumers) and congregate care (90). Compared to other regions, Metro placed a higher proportion of re-entrants (45%) into congregate care. (Table 10, Fig. 16)

Exits from Placement

- Statewide, 60% of the consumers leaving a placement setting were returned home. The proportion returned home ranged from 46% in Boston to 69% in the Northeast. (Table 11)

¹⁸ For individuals with multiple entries and exits during the quarter, only the first entry and last exit were selected.

¹⁹ Re-entrants are consumers who had been in placement at some point in the past.

²⁰ Congregate Care includes Group Home, Residential Treatment, and short-term residential placement (Stabilization and Rapid Reintegration, STARR).

²¹ Non-referral locations include hospitals and other state agencies.

- Statewide, 10% of consumers leaving placement were adopted, 9% were emancipated, and 6% were granted guardianships. Regionally, the proportion of consumers adopted ranged from 5% in the West to 13% in the Southeast; emancipated consumers ranged from 5% in the Northeast to 15% in Boston; and consumers with guardianships ranged from 2% in the Northeast to 8% in the Southeast. (**Table 11**)

TABLE 10. CONSUMERS ENTERING PLACEMENT DURING THE QUARTER BY DSS REGION: FY'2007, 1ST QUARTER (7/1/06 - 9/30/06)

Entry Placement Type Location Started	DSS Geographic Region							Total
	West	Central	Northeast	Metro	Southeast	Boston	Other ⁽¹⁾	
New Entrants	263	170	172	177	246	102	4	1,134
Congregate Care	34	41	53	52	34	25	---	239
Foster Care	219	122	116	117	204	73	4	855
Non-Referral Location ⁽²⁾	10	7	3	8	8	4	---	40
Re-Entrants	336	217	272	200	271	187	1	1,484
Congregate Care	54	61	95	90	79	49	---	428
Foster Care	261	142	149	94	165	116	1	928
Non-Referral Location ⁽²⁾	21	14	28	16	27	22	---	128
Total	599	387	444	377	517	289	5	2,618

⁽¹⁾ Includes primarily families served through Central Office contracts.

⁽²⁾ Includes hospitals and other state agencies.

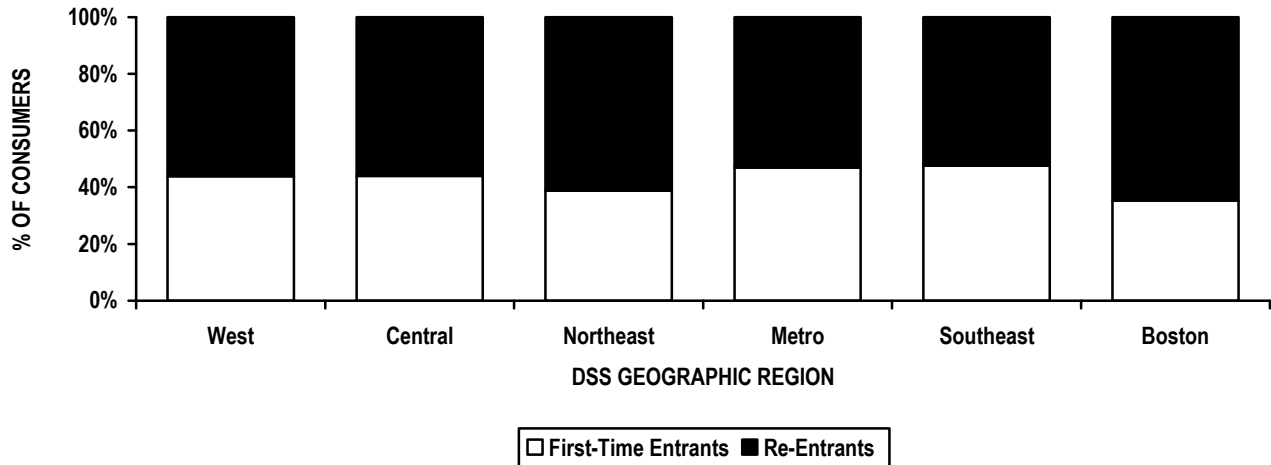
TABLE 11. CONSUMERS LEAVING PLACEMENT DURING THE QUARTER BY DSS REGION: FY'2007, 1ST QUARTER (7/1/06 - 9/30/06)

Reason Placement Ended	DSS Geographic Region							Total
	West	Central	Northeast	Metro	Southeast	Boston	Other ⁽¹⁾	
Child Returned Home	303	181	239	215	222	114	1	1,275
Consumer Adopted	58	35	17	22	44	36	---	212
Child 18 or Older	25	21	29	33	51	27	2	188
Guardianship	29	14	7	20	33	18	---	121
Custody to Other Individual	23	2	12	6	14	16	---	73
Custody to Other Agency	3	4	2	8	6	1	---	24
Consumer Deceased	---	---	---	---	1	---	---	1
Other ⁽²⁾	36	35	42	37	33	34	1	218
Total	477	292	348	341	404	246	4	2,112

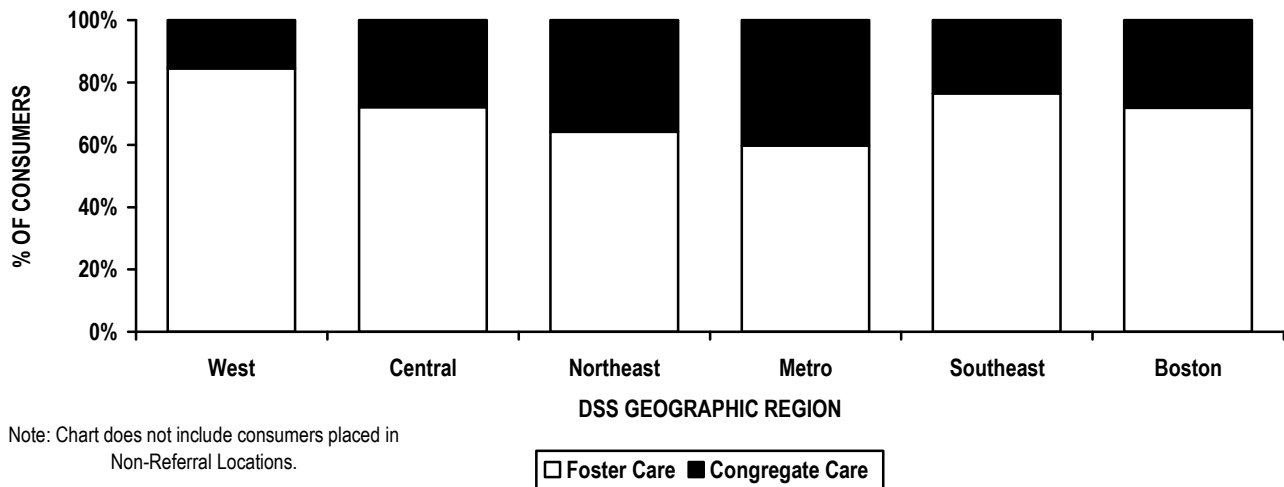
⁽¹⁾ Includes primarily families served through Central Office contracts.

⁽²⁾ The reason for leaving placement is (1) new or other service referral for placement or (2) placement in a non-referral location, and there is no subsequent placement location for the child within the quarter.

**FIGURE 15. CONSUMERS ENTERING PLACEMENT
DURING THE QUARTER (FIRST-TIME ENTRANTS AND RE-ENTRANTS)
FY'2007, 1ST QUARTER (7/1/06 - 9/30/06)**

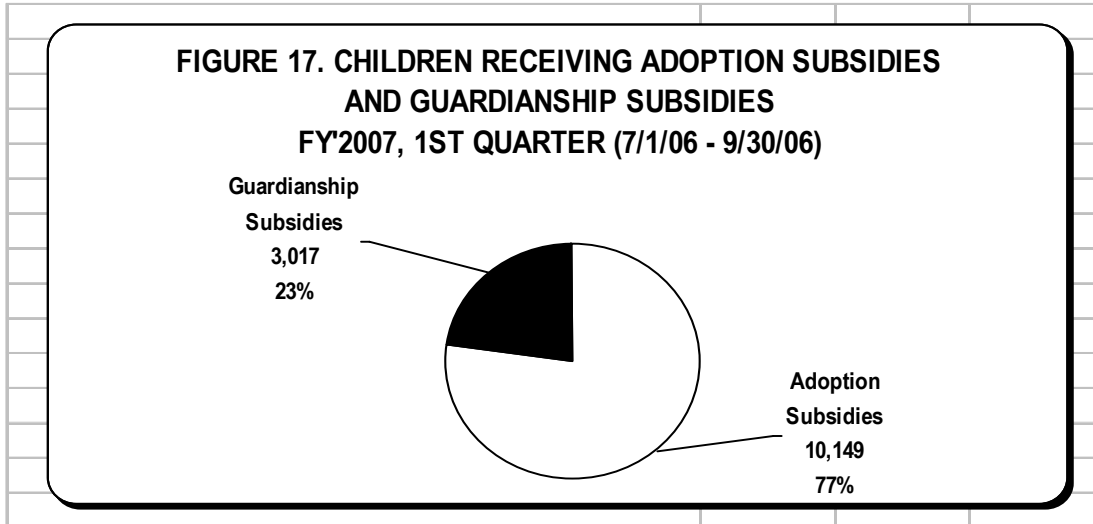


**FIGURE 16. CONSUMERS WITH FOSTER AND RESIDENTIAL CARE
ENTERING PLACEMENT DURING THE QUARTER
FY'2007, 1ST QUARTER (7/1/06 - 9/30/06)**



Adoption and Guardianship Subsidies

- At the end of the 1st Quarter of FY'2007, the total number of children receiving adoption subsidies was 10,149. Guardianship subsidies totaled 3,017. (**Fig. 17**)



From the 4th Quarter of FY'2006 to the 1st Quarter of FY'2007, both adoption subsidies and guardianship subsidies decreased 3%. The declines in adoption and guardianship subsidies resulted from a concerted effort to close service referrals that were active but not disbursing funds. Typically, adoption subsidies increase about 1% each quarter while guardianship subsidies increase around 1-3%. (See table below)

Quarter	Subsidies (Active Service Referrals)			
	Adoption		Guardianship	
	No.	Quarterly Change	No.	Quarterly Change
FY'2004 1 st	9,605	1%	2,839	*
2 nd	9,616	*	2,866	1%
3 rd	9,712	1%	2,944	3%
4 th	9,859	2%	2,996	2%
FY'2005 1 st	9,954	1%	3,002	*
2 nd	10,081	1%	3,081	3%
3 rd	10,002	-1%	3,050	-1%
4 th	10,146	1%	3,083	1%
FY'2006 1 st	10,113	*	3,073	*
2 nd	10,224	1%	3,098	1%
3 rd	10,322	1%	3,119	1%
4 th	10,463	1%	3,115	*
FY'2007 1 st	10,149	-3%	3,017	-3%

* = less than 1% after rounding-off

Foster Homes²²

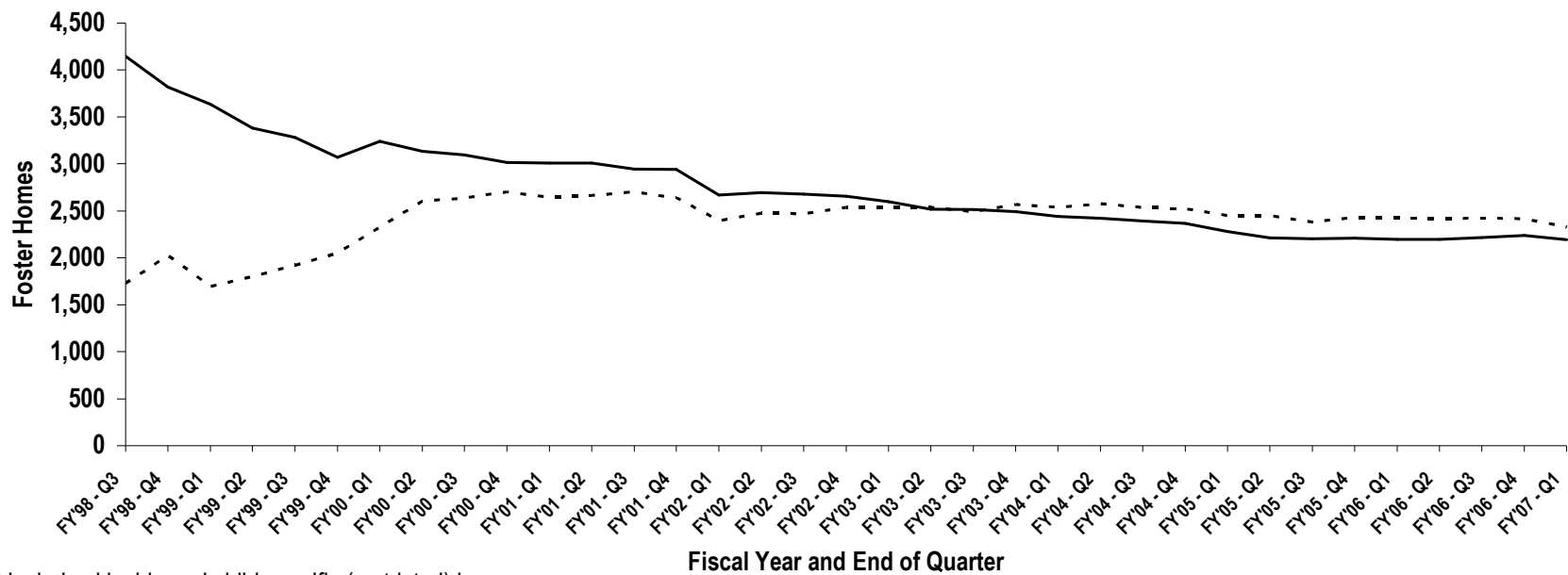
- At the end of the 1st Quarter of FY'2007, there were 4,520 foster homes under the direct supervision of DSS. Included in this total are kinship and child-specific (restricted) homes²³ as well as unrestricted homes.²⁴ Unrestricted foster homes accounted for 48% (2,192) of the foster home total while restricted foster homes amounted to 52% (2,328). **(Table 12A)**
- From the 3rd Quarter of FY'1998 to 1st Quarter of FY'2007, restricted homes as a proportion of all foster homes gradually increased from 29% to 52%. **(See graph on next page)**
- Statewide, 79% of foster parents in unrestricted homes were White and 61% were married. **(Tables 12A and 12C)**
- Statewide, 74% of the foster parents in restricted homes were White and 51% were married. **(Tables 12A and 12C)**
- Thirteen percent (593) of all foster homes were identified as Black (331 restricted and 262 unrestricted). **(Table 12A)**
- Sixteen percent (701) of all foster homes were identified as Hispanic/Latino (348 restricted and 353 unrestricted). **(Table 12B)**

²² Foster homes provide formal, temporary out-of-home placement to children who are in the care/custody of DSS. Foster families may be related or unrelated to the child.

²³ Child-specific and kinship placements occur (1) when a court orders a child to be placed in a specific foster home; or (2) when a child requires placement and the child or his/her parent(s) has proposed another home in which the child can be placed; or (3) when DSS places a child with relatives or with a caregiver who is known to the child's family. Placements in kinship and child-specific homes are limited to specified children.

²⁴ Unrestricted placements are those where DSS places a child with a non-relative foster family. Unlike restricted homes (child specific and kinship), the unrestricted home is not limited to a particular child.

RESTRICTED AND UNRESTRICTED FOSTER HOMES* **End of 3rd Quarter of FY'1998 (3/31/98) to End of 1st Quarter of FY'2007 (9/30/06)**



* Includes kinship and child specific (restricted) homes as well as unrestricted homes.

— Unrestricted - - - - - Restricted

TABLE 12A. PROFILE OF FOSTER HOMES BY RACE AND DSS REGION: FY'2007, End of 1ST QUARTER (9/30/06) ⁽¹⁾

Provider Status	DSS Geographic Region												Adoption Contracts ⁽²⁾		Total	
	West		Central		Northeast		Metro		Southeast		Boston					
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Restricted:	450		323		392		327		593		210		33		2,328	
White	368	82%	234	72%	292	74%	259	79%	475	80%	75	36%	18	55%	1,721	74%
Black	51	11%	22	7%	29	7%	36	11%	73	12%	110	52%	10	30%	331	14%
Asian	---	---	2	1%	15	4%	---	---	2	*	1	*	1	3%	21	1%
Native American	---	---	---	---	---	---	1	*	2	*	---	---	---	---	3	*
Other ⁽³⁾	---	---	---	---	1	*	---	---	---	---	1	*	---	---	2	*
Multi-Racial	3	1%	---	---	5	1%	2	1%	---	---	---	---	---	---	10	*
Unspecified	28	6%	65	20%	50	13%	29	9%	41	7%	23	11%	4	12%	240	10%
Unrestricted:	516		345		283		315		487		172		74		2,192	
White	408	79%	303	88%	226	80%	272	86%	409	84%	51	30%	64	86%	1,733	79%
Black	63	12%	20	6%	9	3%	34	11%	34	7%	96	56%	6	8%	262	12%
Asian	1	*	1	*	12	4%	---	---	3	1%	1	1%	---	---	18	1%
Native American	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	7	1%	---	---	---	---	7	*
Multi-Racial	35	7%	1	*	3	1%	1	*	---	---	1	1%	1	1%	42	2%
Unspecified	9	2%	20	6%	33	12%	8	3%	34	7%	23	13%	3	4%	130	6%
Total	966		668		675		642		1,080		382		107		4,520	

⁽¹⁾ Includes kinship and child specific (restricted) homes as well as unrestricted homes.

* = Less than 1% after rounding-off

⁽²⁾ Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DSS to provide case management services.⁽³⁾ Includes Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islanders.TABLE 12B. PROFILE OF FOSTER HOMES BY HISPANIC ORIGIN AND DSS REGION: FY'2007, End of 1ST QUARTER (9/30/06) ⁽¹⁾

DSS Geographic Region															Adoption Contracts ⁽²⁾		Total	
Provider	West		Central		Northeast		Metro		Southeast		Boston							
Status	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%		
Restricted:	450		323		392		327		593		210		33		2,328			
Hispanic/Latino	97	22%	58	18%	87	22%	29	9%	35	6%	37	18%	5	15%	348	15%		
Not Hispanic/Latino	337	75%	234	72%	285	73%	282	86%	527	89%	162	77%	24	73%	1,851	80%		
Unspecified	16	4%	31	10%	20	5%	16	5%	32	5%	11	5%	4	12%	129	6%		
Unrestricted:	516		345		283		315		487		172		74		2,192			
Hispanic/Latino	122	24%	40	12%	76	27%	18	6%	54	11%	36	21%	7	9%	353	16%		
Not Hispanic/Latino	393	76%	301	87%	202	71%	291	92%	420	86%	135	78%	67	91%	1,809	83%		
Unspecified	1	*	4	1%	5	2%	6	2%	13	3%	1	1%	---	---	30	1%		
Total	966		668		675		642		1,080		382		107		4,520			

Note: The summation of relative percentages may not equal 100% due to rounding-off.

⁽¹⁾ Includes kinship and child specific (restricted) homes as well as unrestricted homes.⁽²⁾ Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DSS to provide case management services.

TABLE 12C. PROFILE OF FOSTER HOMES BY MARITAL STATUS AND DSS REGION: FY'2007, End of 1ST QUARTER (9/30/06) ⁽¹⁾

DSS Geographic Region															Adoption Contracts ⁽²⁾		Total	
Provider Status	West		Central		Northeast		Metro		Southeast		Boston							
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%		
Restricted:	450		323		392		327		593		210		33		2,328			
Married	244	54%	178	55%	200	51%	172	53%	319	54%	65	31%	16	48%	1,194	51%		
Single	106	24%	84	26%	113	29%	81	25%	147	25%	94	45%	11	33%	636	27%		
Divorced	58	13%	37	11%	38	10%	45	14%	62	10%	24	11%	4	12%	268	12%		
Widowed	19	4%	8	2%	16	4%	18	6%	27	5%	12	6%	1	3%	101	4%		
Separated	20	4%	12	4%	21	5%	5	2%	24	4%	14	7%	---	---	96	4%		
Unspecified	3	1%	4	1%	4	1%	6	2%	14	2%	1	*	1	3%	33	1%		
Unrestricted:	516		345		283		315		487		172		74		2,192			
Married	307	59%	247	72%	168	59%	185	59%	327	67%	55	32%	52	70%	1,341	61%		
Single	94	18%	51	15%	74	26%	80	25%	80	16%	75	44%	20	27%	474	22%		
Divorced	69	13%	33	10%	21	7%	37	12%	49	10%	23	13%	2	3%	234	11%		
Widowed	26	5%	5	1%	12	4%	10	3%	21	4%	7	4%	---	---	81	4%		
Separated	20	4%	9	3%	7	2%	3	1%	9	2%	12	7%	---	---	60	3%		
Unspecified	---	---	---	---	1	*	---	---	1	*	---	---	---	---	2	*		
Total	966		668		675		642		1,080		382		107		4,520			

Note: The summation of relative percentages may not equal 100% due to rounding-off.

* = Less than 1% after rounding-off

⁽¹⁾ Includes kinship and child specific (restricted) homes as well as unrestricted homes.

⁽²⁾ Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DSS to provide case management services.

Child Maltreatment Reports, Investigations, and DA Referrals

Reports

- Statewide, 16,074 reports were recorded during the 1st Quarter of FY'2007. Sixty-two percent of the reports were screened-in for investigation. Eight percent of all reports were screened-in as emergencies. **(Table 13)**
- Among regions, reports of child maltreatment were most numerous in the West (3,182) and Southeast (2,408). The Judge Baker Children's Center (hotline) recorded 3,918 reports. Regional screen-in rates ranged from 55% in both the West and Metro to 66% in the Northeast. The screen-in rate at the Judge Baker Children's Center was 71%. **(Table 13 and Fig. 18)**
- The DSS Regions screened-in 1-3% of all reports as emergencies. In contrast, emergency screen-ins accounted for 25% of the reports received by the Judge Baker Children's Center Hotline. **(Table 13)**
- Statewide, reports dropped 16% from the 4th Quarter of FY'2006 to the 1st Quarter of FY'2007. Regional changes ranged from -16% in the Southeast to -24% in Metro. Typically, report counts decline during the summer quarter (Q1) then rise during the school year quarters (Q2-Q4). **(Fig. 20)**

Investigations

- The number of investigations completed during the 1st Quarter of FY'2007 was 8,591.²⁵ Fifty-seven percent of the investigations resulted in a supported finding. **(Table 14)**
- The Southeast conducted more investigations (1,759) than the other regions. Regional support rates went from a low of 50% in the Northeast to a high of 61% in Metro. Judge Baker staff achieved the highest support rate: 71% of the completed investigations (all emergencies) were supported. **(Table 14, Fig. 19)**

²⁵ The number of investigations is lower than the number of screened-in reports. This occurs because an investigation may be associated to multiple reports on the same incident or by reports received on separate but closely occurring incidents.

- The Northeastern Region had the highest screen-in rate (66%) and the lowest support rate (50%). Conversely, the Metro Region had the lowest screen-in rate (55%) and the highest support rate (61%). **(Table 14, Fig. 19)**
- Statewide, investigations decreased 19% from the 4th Quarter of FY'2006 to the 1st Quarter of FY'2007. Over the same period, regional changes in investigations ranged from -15% in the Southeast to -24% in Boston. **(Fig. 21)**

TABLE 13. CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT REPORTS BY DSS REGION: FY'2007, 1ST QUARTER (7/1/06 - 9/30/06)

DSS Geographic Region	Screening Decision							
	Screened Out		Screened-In					
			Non-Emergency		Emergency		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
West	1,435	45%	1,676	53%	71	2%	3,182	20%
Central	806	44%	1,001	54%	39	2%	1,846	11%
Northeast	626	34%	1,199	64%	34	2%	1,859	12%
Metro	699	45%	831	53%	36	2%	1,566	10%
Southeast	911	38%	1,416	59%	81	3%	2,408	15%
Boston	463	36%	785	61%	31	2%	1,279	8%
Judge Baker Children's Center	1,153	29%	1,790	46%	975	25%	3,918	24%
Special Investigations	2	13%	14	88%	---	---	16	*
Total	6,095	38%	8,712	54%	1,267	8%	16,074	100%

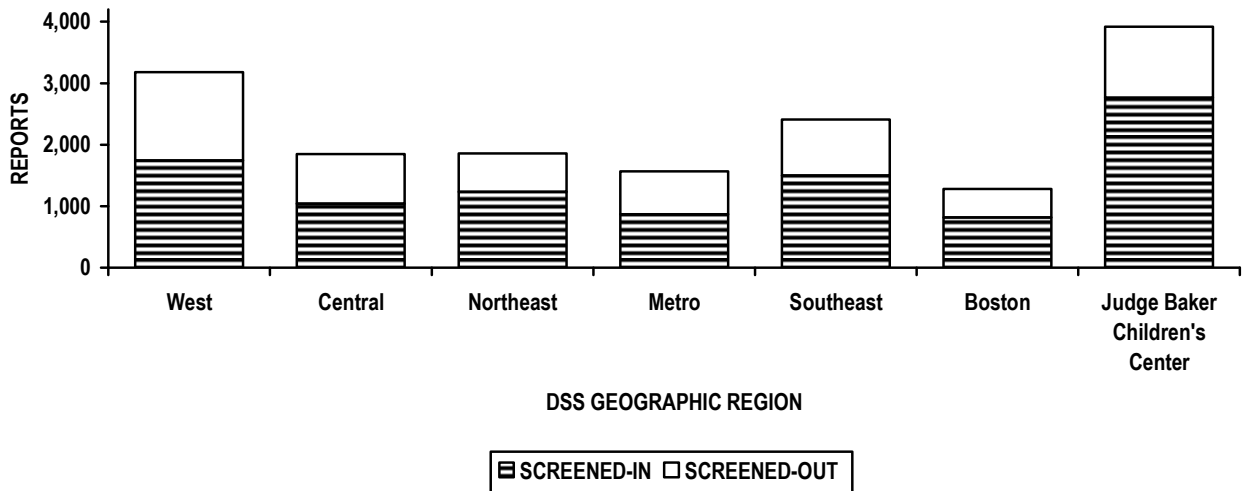
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TABLE 14. CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT INVESTIGATIONS BY DSS REGION: FY'2007, 1ST QUARTER (7/1/06 - 9/30/06)

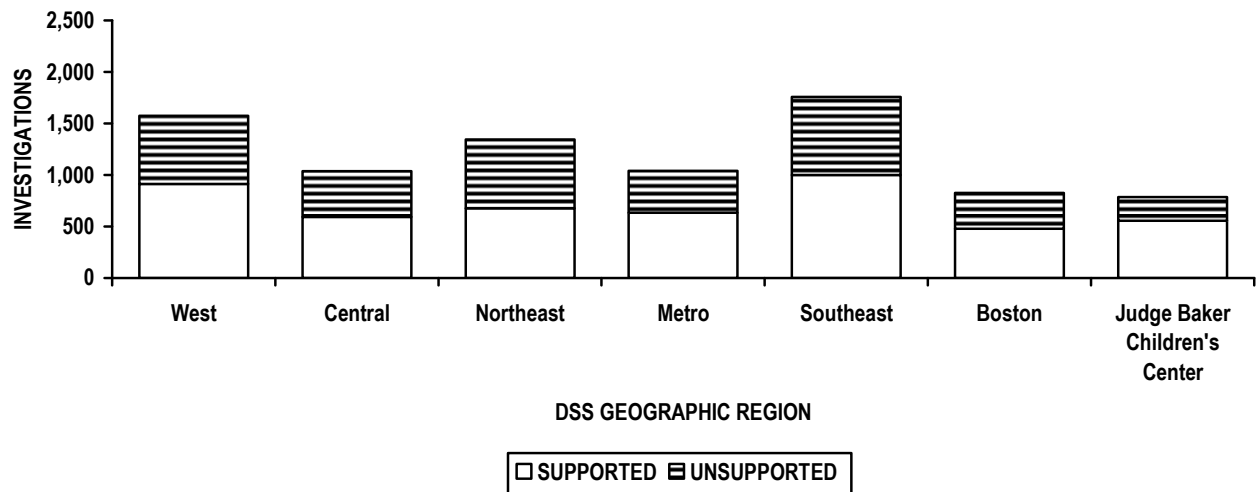
DSS Geographic Region	Investigation Decision				Total	
	Supported		Unsupported			
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
West	912	58%	663	42%	1,575	18%
Central	594	57%	442	43%	1,036	12%
Northeast	677	50%	668	50%	1,345	16%
Metro	633	61%	405	39%	1,038	12%
Southeast	1,001	57%	758	43%	1,759	20%
Boston	479	58%	346	42%	825	10%
Judge Baker Children's Center	554	71%	230	29%	784	9%
Special Investigations	67	29%	162	71%	229	3%
Total	4,917	57%	3,674	43%	8,591	100%

Note: The summation of relative percentages may not equal 100% due to rounding-off.

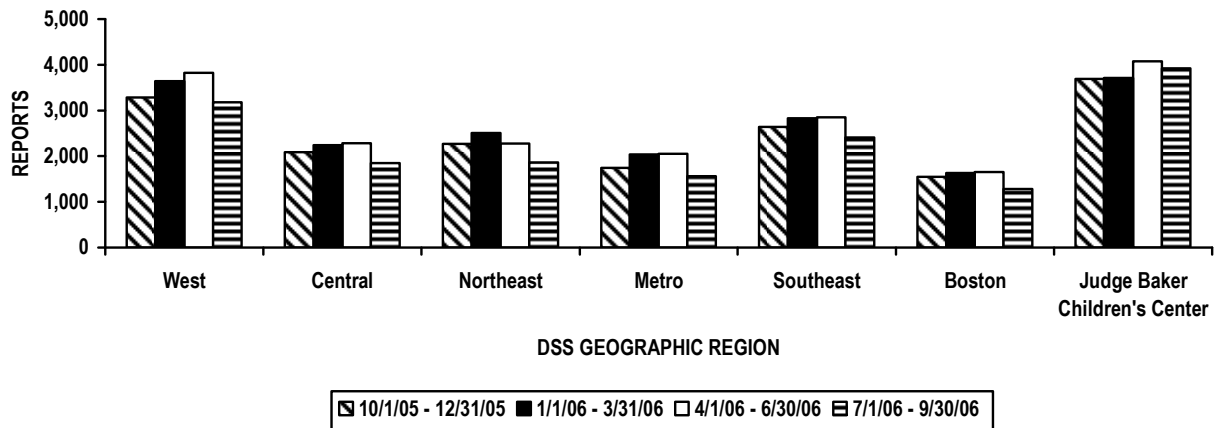
**FIGURE 18. CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT REPORTS
(SCREENING DECISION BY DSS REGION)
FY'2007, 1ST QUARTER (7/1/06 - 9/30/06)**



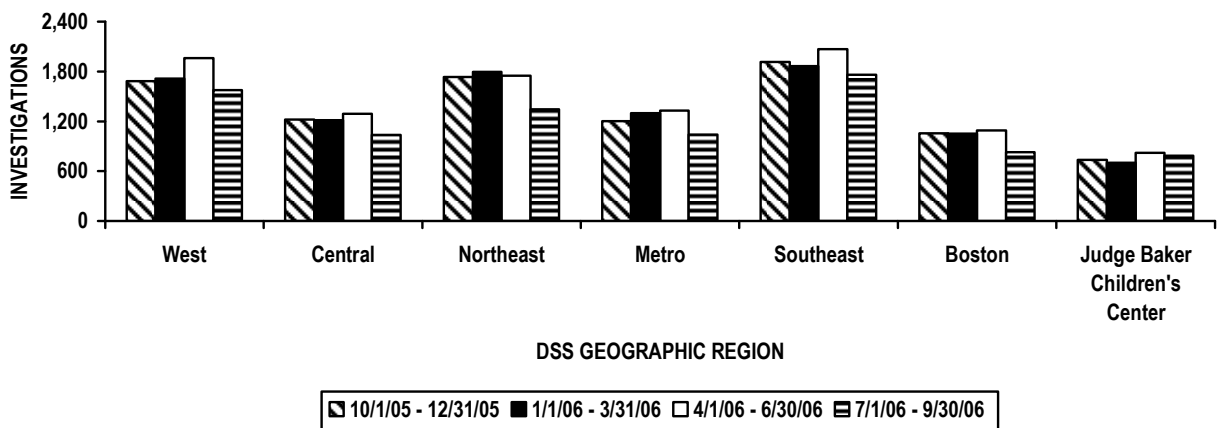
**FIGURE 19. CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT INVESTIGATIONS
(INVESTIGATION DECISION BY DSS REGION)
FY'2007, 1ST QUARTER (7/1/06 - 9/30/06)**



**FIGURE 20. CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT REPORTS BY DSS REGION
(FY'2006, 2ND QUARTER - FY'2007, 1ST QUARTER)**



**FIGURE 21. CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT INVESTIGATIONS BY DSS REGION
(FY'2006, 2ND QUARTER - FY'2007, 1ST QUARTER)**



- During the 1st Quarter of FY'2007, 1,086 cases were referred to District Attorneys (DAs) (See table below). Forty-nine percent of case referrals to DAs were mandatory referrals²⁶ and 51% were discretionary referrals²⁷ (**Fig. 22**).

Case Referrals*

Date	Mandatory		Discretionary		Total
	No.	%	No.	%	No.
FY'01, Q3	380	43%	504	57%	884
FY'01, Q4	435	48%	468	52%	903
FY'02, Q1	341	46%	403	54%	744
FY'02, Q2	421	45%	507	55%	928
FY'02, Q3	443	42%	614	58%	1,057
FY'02, Q4	494	45%	616	55%	1,110
FY'03, Q1	477	46%	555	54%	1,032
FY'03, Q2	488	48%	530	52%	1,018
FY'03, Q3	525	46%	611	54%	1,136
FY'03, Q4	599	49%	614	51%	1,213
FY'04, Q1	527	52%	489	48%	1,016
FY'04, Q2	489	45%	586	55%	1,075
FY'04, Q3	527	45%	655	55%	1,182
FY'04, Q4	558	45%	669	55%	1,227
FY'05, Q1	500	49%	518	51%	1,018
FY'05, Q2	500	45%	603	55%	1,103
FY'05, Q3	575	47%	637	53%	1,212
FY'05, Q4	547	44%	701	56%	1,248
FY'06, Q1	490	44%	614	56%	1,104
FY'06, Q2	509	44%	659	56%	1,168
FY'06, Q3	518	44%	651	56%	1,169
FY'06, Q4	560	43%	742	57%	1,302
FY'07, Q1	532	49%	554	51%	1,086

* DA referrals approved during the Quarter.

- Sexual abuse accounted for 85% of the reasons for mandatory case referrals²⁸ during the 1st Quarter of FY'2007 (**Fig. 23, Table 15** on following pages). Fourteen percent of the case referral reasons were for serious physical abuse.

²⁶ Mandatory referrals to District Attorneys (and local law enforcement authorities) are made following a DSS investigation that results in a supported report of severe child maltreatment (sexual abuse, severe physical abuse, or death). Mandatory referrals are also made when a maltreatment report is either screened-out or unsupported, on the basis that the alleged perpetrator did not meet the definition of caretaker, but the allegations match one of the aforementioned maltreatment categories.

²⁷ There are two categories of discretionary referrals: (1) DSS may immediately report cases of serious physical injury to the District Attorney; or (2) DSS may refer other matters involving possible criminal conduct (including but not limited to cases of abuse or neglect) to the District Attorney, regardless of whether the maltreatment report is supported or unsupported.

²⁸ A mandatory case referral may include more than one reason (i.e., more than one type of abuse).

- Table 16 (on page 56) displays a breakdown of case referrals by type and county. In general, the number of referrals was directly related to the population size²⁹ for the county. Referral counts were highest for the most populous counties, Middlesex, Worcester, Essex, and Suffolk. Based on a comparison of county population estimates, Hampden (encompassing city of Springfield) and Berkshire Counties had higher numbers of referrals than expected. Norfolk and Barnstable Counties had lower numbers of referrals than expected.

Reasons for Mandatory Referrals

Date	Sexual Abuse		Physical Abuse		Death ³⁰		Total
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.
FY'01, Q3	303	75%	91	23%	8	2%	402
FY'01, Q4	346	77%	102	23%	3	1%	451
FY'02, Q1	295	83%	57	16%	5	1%	357
FY'02, Q2	329	75%	107	24%	5	1%	441
FY'02, Q3	361	78%	90	20%	9	2%	460
FY'02, Q4	398	78%	111	22%	3	1%	512
FY'03, Q1	409	82%	84	17%	8	2%	501
FY'03, Q2	412	82%	88	18%	--	--	500
FY'03, Q3	412	76%	123	23%	6	1%	541
FY'03, Q4	455	73%	166	27%	5	1%	626
FY'04, Q1	459	83%	87	16%	9	2%	555
FY'04, Q2	385	76%	114	23%	5	1%	504
FY'04, Q3	414	76%	127	23%	6	1%	547
FY'04, Q4	455	78%	122	21%	6	1%	583
FY'05, Q1	412	80%	97	19%	4	1%	513
FY'05, Q2	398	77%	113	22%	5	1%	516
FY'05, Q3	461	79%	124	21%	2	*	587
FY'05, Q4	444	78%	122	21%	2	*	568
FY'06, Q1	432	86%	66	13%	5	1%	503
FY'06, Q2	432	81%	99	19%	3	1%	534
FY'06, Q3	445	83%	82	15%	7	1%	534
FY'06, Q4	473	82%	95	16%	11	2%	579
FY'07, Q1	472	85%	78	14%	7	1%	557

* = less than 1% after rounding-off

²⁹ County population estimates for 2005 (<http://www.census.gov/popest/counties/tables/CO-EST2005-01-25.CSV>).

³⁰ Not all DA referrals resulting from an allegation that a child's death was due to abuse or neglect lead to an ultimate finding that the death was in fact due to abuse or neglect. DSS publishes an annual report of child fatalities that includes an analysis of child deaths due to abuse or neglect.

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FIGURE 22. TYPE OF CASE REFERRAL (Case Count)

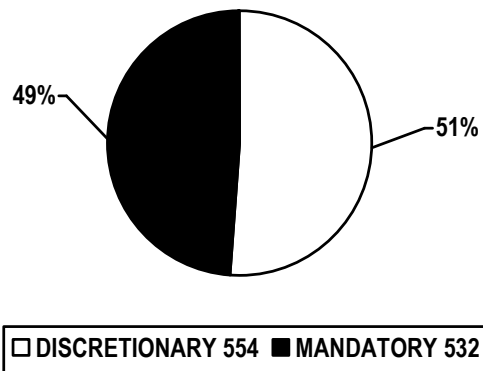
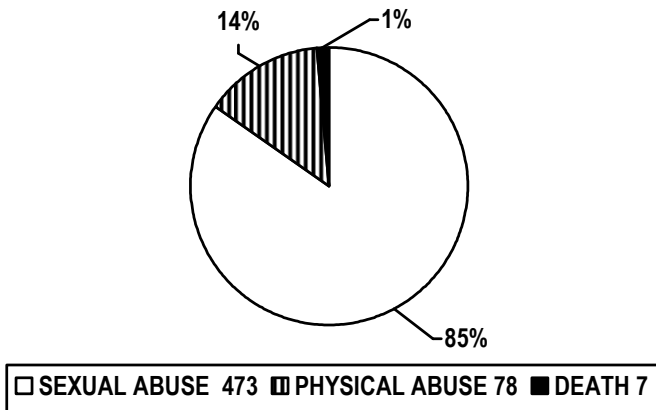


FIGURE 23. REASON FOR MANDATORY REFERRALS (Reason Count)



NOTE: A case referral may include more than one reason (more than one type of maltreatment).

**TABLE 15. REASONS FOR MANDATORY CASE REFERRALS TO DISTRICT ATTORNEYS:
FY'2007, 1ST QUARTER (7/1/06 - 9/30/06)**

Nature of Abuse	Reasons	
	No.	%
Sexual Abuse:	472	85%
Sexual Assault	438	
Sexual Exploitation	34	
.....		
Serious Physical Abuse:	78	14%
.....		
Death:	7	1%
.....		
Total Reasons for Mandatory Referrals	557	100%

TABLE 16. CASE REFERRALS BY TYPE AND COUNTY:⁽¹⁾ FY'2007, 1ST QUARTER (7/1/06 - 9/30/06)

County ⁽²⁾	Case Referrals				2005	
	Discretionary		Mandatory		Total	Population
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	Estimates
Essex	89	40%	131	60%	220	738,301
Middlesex	110	63%	64	37%	174	1,459,011
Worcester	100	61%	65	39%	165	783,262
Suffolk	68	53%	60	47%	128	654,428
Hampden	53	49%	56	51%	109	461,591
Bristol	30	38%	50	63%	80	546,331
Plymouth	35	70%	15	30%	50	492,409
Berkshire	10	20%	39	80%	49	131,868
Norfolk	24	63%	14	37%	38	653,595
Franklin	6	25%	18	75%	24	72,334
Hampshire	10	59%	7	41%	17	153,339
Barnstable	6	50%	6	50%	12	226,514
Dukes	2	100%	---	---	2	15,592
Nantucket	1	100%	---	---	1	10,168
OUT OF STATE	10	59%	7	41%	17	---
Total	554		532		1,086	6,398,743

⁽¹⁾ DA referrals approved during the Quarter.

⁽²⁾ County where the child resides.